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CASUALTIES IN LATEST BATTLES EXTREMELY HIGH

JAPAN'S DRIVE FROM CHANGTEH SAID TO HAVE COST CHINESE TEN THOUSANDS KILLED

Shanghai, Feb. 15.
Alarmed by the gravity of the threat to the vital Lunghai railway, Chinese military leaders held an important conference at Hankow last night to discuss measures to cope with the situation.

The conference is reported to have decided to make every effort possible to hold Sinsiang, Chengchow and Kaifeng.

Foreign observers believe the Japanese may be held off from Chengchow and Kaifeng for a while yet, but predict the early fall of Sinsiang.

The Japanese are making extensive reconnaissance flights over the Lunghai and Peiping-Hankow railway zones.

Sinsiang was attacked from the air yesterday, but only a few bombs were dropped and there was not much damage done.

Meanwhile, fierce engagement is proceeding in which both sides have suffered heavy losses, in the vicinity of Wenshang, 30 miles north of Sinsiang. The Chinese claim to have entered Wenshang but this is flatly denied by the Japanese who assert the Chinese were put to flight and bombed as they retreated.

In the course of raids on various parts of China yesterday Japanese planes bombed Shanshan, famous wine-making centre near Hangchow. —Reuter.

Enormous Losses

Peiping, Feb. 15.
The Japanese offensive below Changteh in Honan Province is continuing successfully and the Japanese appear to be preparing to launch another offensive into Shansi Province, according to semi-official reports reaching here.

In the course of five days' fighting the Japanese advanced 40 miles from Changteh to points south of Chihshien. The Japanese, however, are reported to have faced only the worst of China's fighting men up to now, those who belong to General Sung Chieh-yuan, who were ousted from the Peiping area, and former Manchurian troops.

The casualties on both sides have been heavy, but the Japanese claim to have slain nearly 10,000 Chinese in five days. —Reuter.

Preparing To Attack

Shanghai, Feb. 15.
Chinese reports state that there are signs of an imminent Japanese drive into Shansi from Linfeng. Japanese reinforcements are moving south from Talyuan and over 40 planes have been concentrated at Talyuan. —United Press.

R. A. F. Planes To Continue Police Work

Primo Minister To Make No Promises

London, Feb. 14.
Asked in the House of Commons to-day whether, as an example to other nations, he would give assurances that the Government would prohibit the use of bombing planes for police purposes in territories under British control, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, declined.

He said he was not prepared to make the use of the R.A.F. except as part of an international agreement. The Government, he added, would be prepared to give such assurances in conjunction with other countries, but no agreement was possible.

JAPANESE DETAIN FRENCH LINER

ALLEGED PHOTOGRAPHS OF FORTIFIED ZONE

Shanghai, Feb. 14.
The French liner President Doumer, en route to Shanghai from Kobe, was stopped by the Japanese last night at Rokuren, just after crossing the Shimono-seki Straits.

Some members of the crew of the French liner are alleged to have taken pictures of the fortified zone in the Straits.

The French Consul-General, M. de Peyre, and the Kobe agent of the Messageries Maritimes, liner have arrived at Shimono-seki, and are now negotiating with the Japanese for the release of the ship. —Reuter.

NO NEWS IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Feb. 15.
Early this morning the Messageries Maritimes offices here had not heard any further information regarding the plight of the President Doumer, although the master had assured agents that he would send the fullest details.

It appears the vessel was on the point of leaving Rokuren when she was boarded by Japanese port officials who prevented her departure. —Reuter.

AVIATION HISTORY IS MADE

AUTOGIRO FLIES INSIDE BERLIN BUILDING

Berlin, Feb. 14.
It was claimed to-day that for the first time in history an aeroplane has been successfully flown inside a closed hall.

The claim was made when an autogiro designed by Professor Ecker rose to the roof of the Reichstag building, flew along inside the building, turned round, and then descended without mishap.

Stalin Calls for Defensive Mobilisation

RAIDS KEEP RED CROSS BUSY



The persistent Japanese air raids in South China, mostly directed against some section of the Canton-Hankow or Canton-Kowloon railways, keep the ambulance units constantly on the alert. The men, and women, belonging to the Red Cross sections have done splendid work from time to time. Here is a party at the scene of an explosion carrying off the injured.

FOREIGN HOSPITAL AND CROWDED STREETS HIT BY BOMBS AT CHENGCHOW

(Special to "Telegraph")

Chengchow, Feb. 14.

The American Southern Baptist Mission at Chengchow has been bombed three times and four Chinese patients have been wounded by shrapnel.

The foreign staff at the mission includes Dr. S. E. Ayers of Atlanta, Ga., Dr. C. L. Pennybaker and his son, of Grand Lodge, Mich., Dr. D. Hanley, of London, England, Miss Grace Gibberd of London, Ontario, and Miss Pearl Reid, another Canadian. All of them dodged the shrapnel bursts and were uninjured.

A small bomb fell beside the hospital while Dr. Hanley was operating and he did not pause in his work. The whole side of the building was peppered with the burst and the windows were smashed.

Said Dr. Ayers: "We were outside when the planes came over and decided to go in. At that moment a bomb fell and glass flew all over, and wounded three of our patients. We immediately transported them to a safer place."

BOMBS IN STREETS

More than 100 bombs were dropped and the Pinghan-Lunghai railway station was demolished. The post office was set afire, and the Flowering Peace Hotel, which is still burning, and many bombs crashed in the main streets which were jammed with milling people.

At least 100 were injured and the wreckage still buries many bodies. This is the first time Chengchow has been bombed and the attack was coincident with my arrival. I was very lucky to have abandoned the China Travel Service hotel whose floors are cracked wide open. I ran from the station and hid in a peasant's hut of mud while the bombs crashed into the station building and the sky was filled with smoke and debris, which fluttered down everywhere.

The planes came over in four flights and the raid lasted about an hour or more. I saw that he is trying to make a mistake by his attack.

Warns Japan Not To Rush Exploitation

People Of North China Must Be Considered

Tokyo, Feb. 14.
A warning against excessive haste in developing North China has been issued by Mr. J. Hiroo, president of the semi-official Japan Iron Manufacturing Corporation.

Mr. Hiroo said that Japan's first must be to provide for the welfare of the regions and the Chinese population, and in exploiting North China's resources and developing its industries full attention must be paid to the interests and desires of the Chinese people.

"It would be the worst thing imaginable to treat the question from the Japanese point of view alone," he declared.

Mr. Hiroo, who once headed the Ministry of Education, returned to Tokyo yesterday evening from Peiping, where General Terauchi offered him the post of supreme economic adviser to the Japanese garrison.

He asserted that in drafting plans for the economic development of North China, Manchukuo and Korea, the three areas must be considered as components of a single bloc.

"Some rash people think that economic activities should be launched in North China the minute military activities cease," he said. "They forget that economic development of any area costs money and well considered plans must be drawn up. The Government must be given time to deliberate its plans for the development of China, and the preparation of such a programme must be carried out with extreme caution. Japan must give full attention to the feelings of the Chinese. There is no need, however, for her to pay excessive heed to the moves of third Powers." —Reuter.

GOODWILL MISSION

Tokyo, Feb. 15.
Lieut. General Nanno Matsui, brother of General Iwane Matsui, commander-in-chief in China, is leaving for Peiping on February 19 at the head of a students' goodwill mission. The party will include sixty students from thirty universities throughout Japan.

The mission's avowed object is to promote friendship with students of Chinese educational institutions. —Reuter.

GUNBOAT PASSES RIVER BOOM

The first ship to leave the Pearl River when the boom was lifted this morning, H.M.S. Tarentula arrived in Hongkong bringing the officer commanding the river flotilla, Captain M. B. Cunningham, and his staff. The ship is en route to H. K. —Reuter.

French War Areas Loan Oversubscribed

Paris, Feb. 14.

The credit National loan for 1,000,000,000 francs to facilitate the restoration of centres damaged over the years in the French zone has been oversubscribed by 10 per cent.

AIMS TO STRENGTHEN RUSSIA'S TIES WITH WORLD'S PROLETARIAT

Only Covert Enemies Would Deny Dangers of Encirclement, Says Moscow's Blunt Dictator

Moscow, Feb. 14.

M. Rahmanof Stalin, Russia's undisputed dictator, broke his long silence to-day with an important statement in the official newspaper *Pravda*, discussing the position of the Soviet Union both internally and in relation to other countries.

Stalin asserts that internally the bourgeoisie has been crushed and a socialist state established. Externally, the Soviet Union is still in danger of armed attack by capitalist countries and he urges that the international proletariat must be linked up with the Soviet people and that connections with the working classes of bourgeois countries be strengthened. They should be so organised, he says, as to give political assistance to Russia in the event of an armed attack upon the Soviet Union.

No German Interference In Austria

CONCESSIONS BELIEVED MADE BY HITLER

Vienna, Feb. 14.
The exact nature of the concessions to which, it has been represented, Herr Hitler has agreed at the Berchtesgaden meeting with Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, is now apparent from statements in official quarters and the inspired press comment.

While it is probably true that Herr Hitler declined to publicly disavow the Austrian Nazis, he has evidently given a positive guarantee that Hitler Party quarters will refrain directly from encouraging illegal activities, and smuggling of propaganda, supplies and money across the border will cease.

It is believed that instructions to this effect have already been issued to the Nazi Party in Germany. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

JAPAN'S EMPEROR NOW RECOVERED

Tokyo, Feb. 15.
The Emperor has fully recovered from the cold from which he has been suffering since February 1, it was officially announced to-day. —Reuter.

The Red Army and Air Force must be strengthened, Stalin goes on, and the whole people must be kept in a state of mobilisation for armed attack.

CAPITALIST ENCIRCLEMENT

Stalin contends it is ridiculous and stupid to close their eyes to the facts of capitalist encirclement and to think that their external enemies, for example the Fascists, would not try when the chance presented itself to attack the Soviet.

It would be useless and ridiculous to deny that on the slightest excuse for armed intervention, the interventionists would try to destroy the Soviet system in areas occupied by them, and to restore the bourgeois. Only blockheads or covert enemies who wished to camouflage their hostility by bragging, and who tried to demoralise the people, could deny the danger of armed intervention and attempts at a restoration while the capitalist encirclement existed. —Reuter.

ANOTHER HIGH ARMY OFFICER REMOVED

Moscow, Feb. 14.
The removal of Ygnav Alkhanov, as chief of the Soviet Air Force, whose arrest was reported several weeks ago, was to-day confirmed by *Izvestia*. This newspaper does not mention him directly but gives the name of the new air force chief as General Loktionov, as being the pallbearer at the funeral of the victims of the wrecked dirigible which was making tests for a polar flight. Alkhanov was one of the last two of General Voroshilov's five commissars of defence who survived the recent purge and he apparently enjoyed the Kremlin's favour until just before the elections in December. He was then removed from the list of registered candidates and replaced by another man. —Reuter.

U.K. TRADE REACHES NEW HIGH

London, Feb. 14.
The latest overseas trade figures recorded the highest totals, both imports and exports, for any January since 1930. The aggregate was £12,000,000 less than December, but was £11,000,000 above last January. Imports amounted to £25,000,000 and exports to £44,000,000, compared with £24,000,000 and £44,000,000 respectively in December, and £20,000,000 and £39,000,000 in January, 1937. —Reuter Special.

FRILLS.. for the FORTIES

By Mary Grace

There are many sit-by-the-fire parties at this time of year, as well as invitations out to an evening of bridge or music. Mothers will do well not to leave the matter of a new frock any longer, as in a few weeks' time they will be in the throes of spring preparations. To-day I am concentrating on frocks for the woman of forty and over, who is on the plump side and wants to look slim and elegant. In the first place, the slimming proportions of your figure depend on the style and trimming of the clothes you wear. It's not just a matter of choosing lines that go down, if one's figure is frankly outsize.

A designer will deliberately soften the lines of a frock with a well-placed frill or two, knowing that with an angular woman corners will thus be rounded, while the same draped effect will take inches off the fuller figure.

Fabrics, too, are a great factor in obtaining a slenderising effect. Non-patterned materials are the best, although small, carefully chosen designs are quite slim looking.

I have selected two special designs for the fuller figure. Both are easy-to-make slimming designs.

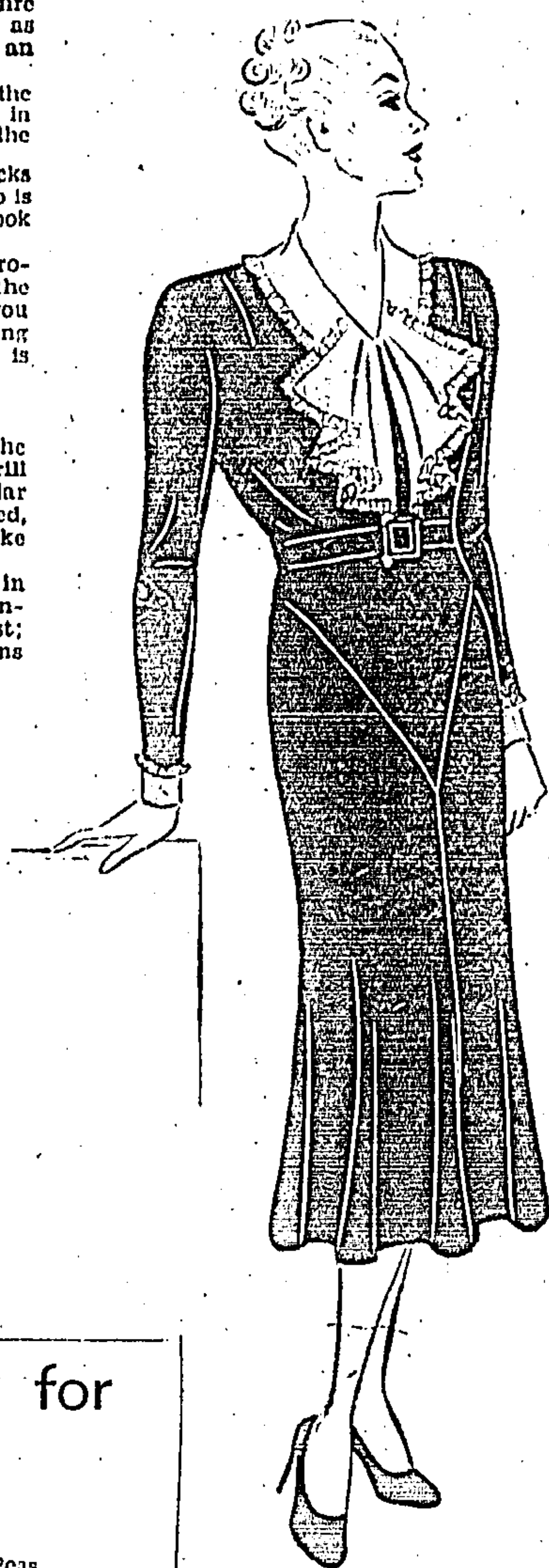
A good tip to remember is to have your hat to match your frock if you are wearing it under a coat. When you throw back or take off your wrap, the matching effect of hat and dress emphasises the lengthening line.

On the left, the model has a distinctly slenderising effect, as will be seen by the deep V in the skirt. Frilled cuffs and jabot give light relief to the dress and would look nice made in pastel georgette.

Of course, if you like a little glitz, you could buy a hand mirror for £12 or so to give it a more glamorous look.

Shown on the right is a pattern cut with a straight panelled skirt back and front. A particularly attractive collar with long revers is used to trim the bodice. This will make an excellent best frock, and you have a good choice of fabrics.

Velvet is luxurious-looking, but you have to be careful not to spot it. Maroon or red, clinging crepe materials are a more practical proposition.



Soft ruffles, slim fitting lines, plain fabrics—testimo frocks for mother.

Lunch Menu for 6 people

Crab Cocktail
Mutton Cutlets
Creamed Potatoes
Green Peas
Apricot Rice.

COCKTAIL.—Mix up together a tablespoonful each of salad oil, ketchup and Worcester sauce, a dessertspoonful of vinegar, a tablespoonful of chopped cucumber, and a dust of cayenne pepper and salt. Fill into six small glasses or plates with two or three pieces of tinned crab in each. Serve rolled brown and butter.

MEAT.—Divide two pounds of chined best end neck of mutton into cutlets, and bat out with a heavy knife. Pour about an ounce of oil over, coat with breadcrumbs and fry till brown in two ounces of hot lard in a medium-sized sauce pan. Arrange them overlapping on the potato down the centre of a dish with tinned peas at each side or all round. Pour gravy over made from trimmings of the meat fried, then simmered in cold water to cover.

SWEET.—Simmer four ounces of blanched rice in a pint of milk, two ounces of sugar, and a few drops of essence of lemon until it is tender and nearly all the milk absorbed. Mix in a beaten egg and put in a buttered border mould, cover with buttered paper and bake in a moderately hot oven for half an hour (Regulo Mark No. 5). Turn out, and arrange apricots (warmed up) from a small tin, overlapping, round the top, and pour over the juice heated up, sweetened and flavoured with essence of lemon to taste, and thickened with a heaped teaspoonful of cornflour. Sprinkle with blanched chopped pistachio nut.

FOR THE RECIPE BOOK

HAM BAKE

Take a slice of gammon about 1/2 inch thick. Mix teaspoonful of made mustard with a tablespoonful of caster sugar, and rub well into the ham. Put into a covered fireproof dish with about 1/2 pint of milk, and cook in a slow oven (Regulo Mark 3) for 1 1/4 hours. Baste well with the milk. Serve with the sauce and baked tomatoes.

CHEESE COCOTES

Well grease 6 cocottes or ramekins. Melt 2oz. of butter until it oils, then add a teaspoonful of flour and blend well. Beat up 2 eggs with 2 tablespoonfuls of cream, add to the butter and flour, and stir over a very low heat. Add 3oz. of grated cheddar cheese, and stir again, but do not let it boil or the eggs will curdle. Season with cayenne, put into the cocottes and put in oven (Regulo Mark 7) to brown.

LEMON SOUFFLE

Makes a delicious party sweet. Imported eggs can be used. Wipe 5 lemons, and rub on them 6oz. of lump sugar until all the yellow part of the lemons is on the sugar. Heat 1pt. of milk to boiling point, strain on to 6 beaten egg yolks, then return to a double boiler with the sugar, and stir over a low heat until it thickens. Do not let it boil. Add 1oz. of melted gelatine and the juice of the lemons, and cook. When nearly cold fold in the very stiffly whipped egg whites. Put into a glass dish, and when cold decorate with a border of whipped cream.

Good Cooking

By Ambrose Heath

COD STEAKS

THESE can make an admirable light dish and, believe me, there are other ways than frying them. But if they must be fried, then try serving them with fried onions and decorating them with lemon and gherkins.

GRILLED

Some people prefer this fashion to frying. Cut them an inch and a half thick, and first, if you like them more flavoured, let them lie in a mixture of olive oil, lemon juice, chopped parsley, thyme, pepper and salt. But in any case, before you grill them, dip them in olive oil or melted butter, and grill them slowly on each side, basting with a little of the fat you use.

But do not season them until after they are grilled and serve them surmounted by a pat of anchovy or maitre d'hotel butter, the first being butter mixed with anchovy essence, and the second butter mixed with chopped parsley and lemon juice. Or serve a Tartare Sauce.

A LA BOULANGERIE

This is how you get them in a very famous Paris restaurant. Take a large steak from the middle of the fish, put it into a shallow fireproof dish, surround it with quarter of raw potatoes and half-cooked button onions. Season with salt and pepper, dot all over with butter (or smear it with melted butter), and bake it in the oven, basting it pretty often with more butter. When it is done, sprinkle it with chopped parsley, and serve in the same dish.

Wool Wisdom

"WEAR wool next the skin," exhorted our grandmothers; and wisely, because wool regulates body temperatures, guarding against overheating as well as chilling.

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Avoid knots in your next jumper in this way. Splice the ends together by untwisting them, about three inches and lay plys of the new wool inside the opened-out plys of the other. With a duff rub the ends are then fastened securely together.

Neck-lines and cuff-lines of knitted garments often sag untidily after their first washing. To keep them trim attach a matching piece of ribbon round the insides and press with a warm iron.

M. L. B.

Why No Babies

By A Young Husband

YOUNG married people of this age are subjected to a great deal of criticism by politicians, prominent members of the clergy, and others on their supposed apathy towards having a family and its consequent result on the strength of the nation.

As one of them, I venture to put forward that this slight on modern youth is too serious in its implications to remain unchallenged by its victims.

To begin with, are these worried gentlemen not greatly responsible? Nearly every speech made by a prominent man contains references to his personal opinions on the proximity of war. In most churches, sermons and prayers again bring home to us the depressing possibility of European conflagration.

Do these people, who take the question of war in its broadest sense—the safety or otherwise of the country as a whole—realise the very frightening and wholly personal insecurity this talk brings into a home where even the insecurity of one's job is a constant fear?

War Widows

To a young married couple with a child, barring the exceptional few, a large bank balance is an impossibility. What future is there for a young wife whose husband is killed in war?

The Great War showed that, and is still showing it. At best she can hope for a small pension and an insurance which is greatly reduced, barely enough to keep herself in greatly reduced circumstances—certainly not enough to feed, clothe, and educate one or two children to the standard that is their right.

Many must think as we do—that war is inevitable, even if it be 20 years off, and the boy we have brought into the world will be blown out of it in his prime, dying the widely-advertised "glorious death" that makes the words a sinful mockery.

What possible incentive can there be to create life which must be so brutally destroyed?

The People's Power

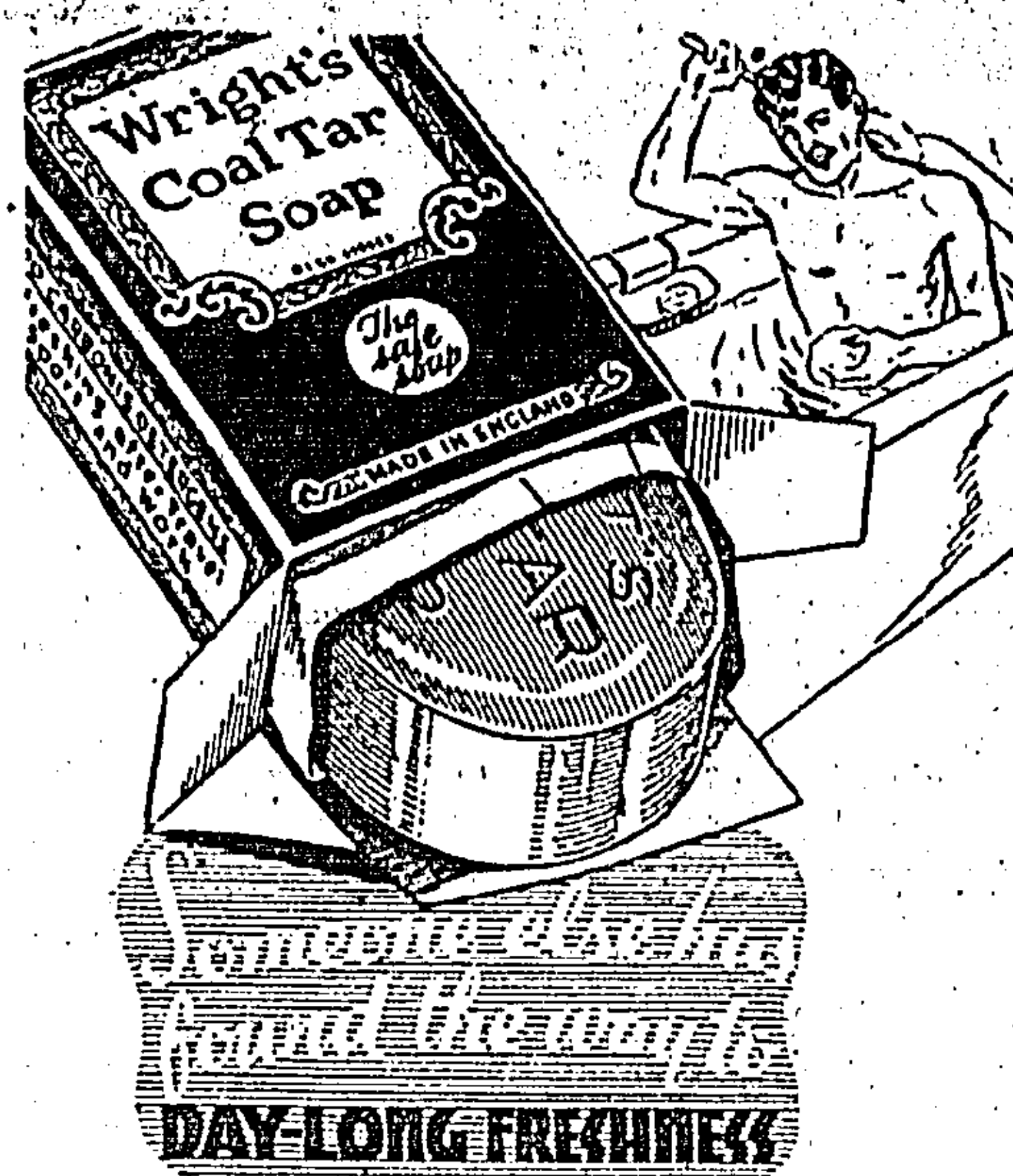
How is it possible that the people will permit another war? What power they hold! Without them war would cease to exist. Have they not yet been sufficiently educated to its horrors, its incredible stupidity?

Before long all this talk of impending evil, and the harrowing results of modern warfare abroad, will produce a state of neurosis that will lead to another age of unfortunate war babies, whose physical and mental disabilities will be the further target for remarks about a C3 nation.

Warily we wonder if we shall ever be permitted to settle down and live in the security of peace, with no fear of separation and sudden death, to rear our families in happiness and with the knowledge that they will have their chance.

Admittedly there are some irresponsible, insincere young people who prefer parties to parentage, but they are definitely in the minority—and surely there have been similar cases in all generations?

In any case, they have a better excuse now than ever before—eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow you may be blown to bits. So they say.



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DEAD AVIATRIX HONOURED



IN RECOGNITION of the record-breaking flight of Amelia Earhart from Los Angeles to Mexico City, Mexico has bestowed post-humously the coveted award of the Order of the Aztec Eagle on the late flier. Above, George Palmer Putnam, left, Miss Earhart's husband, receives the medal from Mexican Consul Renato Cantu Lara, at Los Angeles.

AMERICAN STUDENT DISCOVERS GREATEST KNOWN EXPLOSIVE

25 Times as Destructive as TNT

Berkeley, Cal. Jan. 15. A high explosive, reputedly nearly 25 times as strong as TNT, has been developed by Wendell Zimmerman, young University of California graduate student, it has been revealed here.

Zimmerman said the new explosive in one form not yet commercially practical, is 25 times more destructive than TNT. However, he added, the tremendous explosive force of this form is yet too great for anything but experimental use.

The experiments were started in the basement of his home when he was 17 years old, Zimmerman said. He reached his present formula in August, 1936. Since then, he said, he has been refining the process.

The explosive, he pointed out, is constructed on a different principle than hitherto used, being composed of simple chemical elements that in themselves are non-explosive.

"The elements used are monatomic, or consisting of one atom, whereas other explosives are diatomic or triatomic," he explained.

The new formula has been submitted to seven governments, Zimmerman said. The Japanese, Russian, French, Italian, English, United States and German governments are now considering the formula, he said, and the United States and English governments urged him to continue his work.

At present, Zimmerman said, he is working with leading rocket experimenters and engineers with a view to using the explosive in that field.—United Press.

Bones That May Be Those of Menes And His Queen

SPEAKING by telephone from Badrashein, a small railway junction on the Nile, 20 miles south of Cairo. Mr. Walter Emery, the 35-year-old Liverpool archaeologist, told the London *News Chronicle* of his discovery of a great tomb which is thought to be that of Menes—the first of the Pharaohs, who lived 5,000 years ago.

Mr. Emery emphasized that he has as yet no definite proof that the tomb is that of Menes, the first King of the First Dynasty, but he said that all the evidence so far pointed strongly to it being the royal tomb.

In any case it is definitely a tomb of the First Dynasty. "All I can say," said Mr. Emery, "is that all the material we have discovered, such as pots, stone vessels and clay ceilings, bear the king's name."

"That is as far as I can go for the moment. I cannot vouch that it is the king's tomb until the work is finished, and that will take another fortnight."

"If the tomb is not that of King Menes it is that of one of his relatives or of some great noble. But the important point is that the tomb definitely belongs to Menes' reign, and it is curious that we have not been able to find any name other than his."

Broken and crumbling bones of two bodies were found in the burial chambers, and Mr. Emery agreed that if the tomb is the royal one, the chances are that the remains are those of King Menes and his queen.

"The bones are to be examined by an expert," explained Mr. Emery.

HOW DID HE DIE? The vital question is will the expert eye be able to detect anything to support the legend that Menes was killed by a hippopotamus?

No sensational inscriptions have been found so far.

"You see," continued Mr. Emery, "at that time hieroglyphic writing was very primitive. It took the form of picture writing and we have specimens of this on the vases, which bear pictures of hunting scenes, lions and gazelles, but what

they actually mean is very difficult to say. "No, there is no hint in these pictures of Menes' reputed conquest of Lower Egypt, and of his consolidation of all Egypt as one kingdom."

TWENTY-SEVEN ROOMS There are 27 rooms in the tomb.

"We have still to reach two or three more chambers and magazines before we have finished, so it is just possible that the best is yet to come."

"But unfortunately the tomb has in the far distant past been plundered very badly. The finds cannot be compared in perfection and artistic value to those in the tomb of Tutankhamen, who lived 3,000 years after this tomb was sealed up."



Lady Anne Cavendish-Bentley, 21, daughter of the Duke of Portland, whom London's Mayfair gossip believed might be engaged to Prince Charles, brother of King Leopold of Belgium. The King's visit, with his widowed mother, Queen Elizabeth, to the Duke's home at first suggested the King might wed her.

"The work of clearing the tomb is difficult because the roof has fallen in."

"There are 40 of us at work clearing up the mess."

And before he rang off Mr. Emery cleared up the misconception that it is always warm and sunny in Egypt. "It's pretty cold out here," he explained, "and you have to work hard to get warm in the early mornings."

An official of the Egyptian Department of the British Museum said that even if the tomb were not that of King Menes, or of a royal person, the discovery was of great importance as there is so far little evidence about the First Dynasty.

BRAINY POLICE MAY BE INCH SHORTER

MEN with brains are offered a discount of one inch in height by the Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

The Commissioner has announced that he is prepared to offer a limited number of vacancies to unmarried men over twenty and under twenty-five who are not less than five feet eight inches high, provided that they are particularly well developed physically and possess sound educational qualifications.

Previous minimum height for the Metropolitan Police was five feet nine inches.

Remember Kipling? "Oh, 'e's little but 'e's wise 'E's a terror for 'is size 'An' 'e—'e's not—advertise—'Do yer, Bobs?'"

—Or perhaps the Commissioner was thinking of some of those famous men but small—Napoleon, Dollfus, Lord Roberts, George Washington, Jellicoe.

R. A. F. Strength Doubles In Two Years

It is learned that the first-line strength of the R.A.F. is now more than twice what it was when the expansion programme began in the middle of 1935. The first-line establishment was then stated to be 500 aircraft.

In addition, the intermediate types with which some of the new squadrons were equipped in the first instance are now being replaced by new bombers and fighters as they are delivered from the factory.

The Hawker-Hurricane single-seater fighter is now in course of delivery to the R.A.F. This aircraft is one of the fastest fighters in the world, and it is being produced in large numbers to the Air Ministry order. It is understood that deliveries will also be made shortly of another fighter which is being built for the R.A.F.—the Supermarine S. Spitfire.

There are now five post-war types of bombers in course of regular and satisfactory production—the Vickers Wellesley, which has been selected for long-distance flights on behalf of the R.A.F. this year, the Bristol Blenheim, the Fairey Battle, the Handley-Page Harrow, and the Armstrong Whitely.

These aircraft are in many cases being manufactured by firms other than the designing company in conformity with the Air Ministry's policy of reducing the number of essential types to a minimum.

URGE TO DANCE TOO STRONG

Melbourne. Dances are few in some parts of Australia. William Packward wanted to dance so badly that when his train failed to stop at the town where he knew one was in progress, he pulled the emergency cord. He jumped off, went to the dance. A fine fined him \$8 next day for stopping the train.

AND THE HORSE DROPPED DEAD

Humboldt, Idaho, Jan. 15. A public auction was being held at the Gottlieb Hanselman farm near here.

"How much am I offered for this fine horse?" cried the auctioneer. "Seventy five dollars," came a reply.

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- R2203. I'd Give Everything I've Got. Good Morning Mr. Barlow.
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NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGESWAN, CULBERTSON &
FRITZ LATEST REPORTSNew York, Feb. 14.
S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The tone to-day was moderately firm in a continued dull market. Prospects of a further advance would be improved, if the volume of business increased on rallies. The Goodyear quarterly dividend has been cut from 50 cents to 25 cents. The "Times" business index for the week was 81.4, against 82.2, the revised index for last week and 101.2 for the corresponding week of last year.

Cotton: The Farm Bill has been passed by the Senate and now awaits the President's signature, which, it is believed, will be prompt. Many of the provisions of the Bill require official interpretation, but as the general intent is bullish, some further advance in price is probable, which is expected to meet with profit-taking and hedging.

Wheat: Lack of export continues to off-set the effect of the unrelieved drought in the South-West. The market to-day was quiet and featureless.

Corn: There has been a fair amount of export demand, but the situation was otherwise featureless.

Rubber: Shipment offerings were light and at high prices. It seems that only very little incentive would be required for an advance.

Sugar: Some steady substantial March liquidation was met by Cuban short-covering. There were 508 March tenders on Tuesday, but we believe that the position is much smaller to-night and we anticipate no difficulty in the handling of the balance of the liquidation.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

Traders have suspended judgment of the market, pending clarification of Washington developments and of Japanese and other foreign developments. Traders in Europe anticipate more United States inflation moves causing the Dollar to decline. The Japanese naval attitude leads some to believe that the United States will increase its naval armaments outlay, thus aiding steel. It is generally believed now that American Telephone will pay its regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2. We continue to anticipate some early action on freight rates. Business sentiment is somewhat improved, but the volume of business on the stock market is disappointing.

30 Industrials 124.04 125.07
20 Rails 28.06 28.16
20 Utilities 10.74 10.90
40 Bonds 01.14 01.11
11 Commodity Index 53.19 53.47

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 14th February to Saturday, the 26th February, 1938, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1938.

Singapore
Giant New
Dock OpenedBow Of Governor's
Yacht Cuts Ribbon
At CeremonyGuns and Planes
Roar Salutes

Singapore, Feb. 14.
The giant graving dock at the Singapore naval base was opened to-day (at 5.30 p.m. Singapore time) by Sir Shenton Thomas, the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Straits Settlements.

More than 5,000 people attended the ceremony, including six of the sultans of the Malay States. These included the four sultans of the Federated Malay States who in 1928 gave the Government towards the cost of the base. The Sultan of Johore, who is the wealthiest of the Malay rulers, was also present. He made a personal gift of £500,000 towards the cost of the base two years ago in celebration of his 40 years reign.

Warships from the China Station, the East Indies Station and the Royal Indian Navy were moored at the naval base for the ceremony. Vice-Admiral L. C. Crabbe, who was in charge of British gunboats on the Yangtze until last December, and recently acted as C-in-C at Hongkong, and Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies squadron, were the chief British naval personalities present.

The warships included H.M.S. Dorsetshire, Eagle, Medway, and several destroyers and submarines from the China Station; H.M.S. Norfolk, and Emerald from the East Indies Station based on Ceylon, and three sloops from the Royal Indian Navy.

Aircraft from the aircraft carrier, Eagle, carried out a ceremonial fly-past after the Governor had declared the base open. This was the first time aircraft of the British Fleet Air Arm had appeared at a public function since the air arm was transferred from Air Ministry to Naval control.

AMERICAN VISITORS

The three United States warships, Milwaukee, Trenton and Memphis, which were sent by the Navy Department to represent America at the ceremony, were also moored in the Straits of Johore where the naval base is situated. They are the first foreign warships ever to visit the naval base.

The commanders of the warships were with Sir Shenton Thomas ashore. They are:—Commander Frank A. Braisted (Trenton), Commander Laurence E. Ransdell (Memphis) and Commander Mark C. Bowman (Milwaukee).

The British Government and the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty were represented by Col. J. J. Llewellyn, M.P., the Civil Lord of the Admiralty, who flew to Singapore from Sydney where he has been attending the Australian celebrations. Representatives of every branch of the Navy, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides represented Asiatic youth organisations. There were detachments of ex-Servicemen present and the heads of the business and commercial community and of all the Asiatic communities, Indians, Malays, Chinese, and Siamese.

The heads of the Army and Air Force in Singapore, Major-General W. S. Dobie and Air Vice-Marshal A. W. Tedder, Air Officer Commanding the R.A.F. Far East were present, together with representative Army and Air Force detachments.

The ceremony was broadcast from Singapore and a hook-up was arranged with the British Broadcasting Corporation stations in Great Britain. The programme was relayed to all parts of the Empire. Press photographers and newsreel cameramen were allowed at the ceremony only on condition that their developed plates and reels were immediately shown to the authorities for censorship. This is the first time photographers, other than officials, have been allowed in the precincts of the base—United Press.

SPECTATORS CHEER

Singapore, Feb. 14.
Thousands of spectators mingled their cheers with the booming of guns as the Governor of the Straits Settlements, Sir Shenton Thomas, aboard the yacht Sea Belle II sailed through a ribbon across the 134-ft. entrance of the new King George VI graving dock to-day. The weather was dull and sultry.

Half an hour later, Sir Shenton, at the invitation of Lt-Col. J. J. Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, named the dock and unveiled a tablet in the dock bank. Sir Shenton, accompanied by Vice-Admiral Crabbe, Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, made a two-and-half hours trip round the island in the Sea Belle to the Straits of Johore from Singapore Roads, passing en route the new base and other important features of the island's £30,000,000 defences, including big guns in huge concrete emplacements, reported to be 15 and 18-inch, with a range of 20 miles.

Just before reaching the base the Government yacht party was joined by the Sultan of Johore. The whole party was impressively escorted by two patrol launches. Two Fleet Air Arm squadrons greeted the arrival and a 17-gun salute was fired. The opening of the dock and Sir Shenton, was a great enterprise for peace. He paid a tribute, not only to the Colony, which had presented the land, but also to the whole of

BAL MASQUE AT
GERMAN CLUB

On Saturday, February 20 at 9.30 p.m. the German Club will have its annual bal masque, to which members have already invited numerous friends.

This year the bal masque has been given the name "The Road of Silk" which is the name Sven Hedin gave to the ancient caravan route upon which merchants used to send silk from China to Europe. The decoration in the club has been carried out accordingly, and much success is anticipated.

As usual, the most original costume will win a prize, and this year two prizes having been decided upon, one each for ladies and gentlemen.

GANDHI CHOSEN
AS PEACE PRIZE
CANDIDATE AGAIN

Oslo, Feb. 14.
An organisation known as the Friends of India states that Mahatma Gandhi will be proposed as a candidate for this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

The Mahatma has been nominated previously for the prize.—Reuter.

U. S. COMMODITY
PRICES
LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS

New York, Feb. 14.
The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter:

New York Cotton
March 8.77/77 8.78/80
May 8.89/89 8.89/90
July 8.96/96 8.96/98
October 9.02/02 9.02/07
December 9.00/04 9.02/10
January 9.07/08 9.08/12
Spot 8.88

The First Notice Day for March Cotton is Feb. 23 with Delivery date March 1.

New York Rubber
March 14.40/41 14.50/50
May 14.61b/65a 14.68/69
July 14.73b/80a 14.82b/84a
Sept. 14.88/87 14.95b/15.00a
Dec. 15.08/11
Jan. 15.13/11
Sales for the day:—1,210 tons.

Chicago Wheat
May 04 1/4/04 1/4 04 1/4/04
July 00 1/4/04 1/4 00 1/4/04
Sept. 00 1/4/04 1/4 00 1/4/04
Friday's Sales:—10,920,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn
May 50 1/2/50 1/2 50 1/2/50
July 00 1/2/50 1/2 00 1/2/50
Sept. 01 1/4/50 1/4 01 1/4/50

Winnipeg Wheat
May 127 1/2/127 1/2 127 1/2/128
July 119 1/2/119 1/2 119 1/2/120
October 100 1/4/100 1/4

SHIPS IN WIRELESS
COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong Radio to-day: Menestheus, Kaitum-I-Hind; President Doumer; Kutsang; Yochow; Carthage; Bangalore; Victoria; G.G. Paul Doumer; Atsuta Maru; Empress of Canada; Luchow; Aramis; Canton; Gneisenau; Kumsang; President Grant; President McKinley; Talyuan; Minoo Maru; Taiping; Cremer; Shengkang.

SUFFOLK DUE BACK

H.M.S. Suffolk is due at noon tomorrow from Weihaiwei where she has been on duty for the past three weeks.

R. A. F. OFFICER
IN HOSPITAL

Wing Commander W. A. K. Dalzell, Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force, Kai, has been admitted to the Royal Naval Hospital.

Malaya, which shared in the burden of Imperial defence.

The Governor instanced the Colony's contribution of over £2,500,000 in five years, including £60,000 voted by the Legislative Council that morning at the instance of unofficial members, and contributions by the F.M.S. and Johore governments, amounting to over £1,000,000 annually for the last five years.

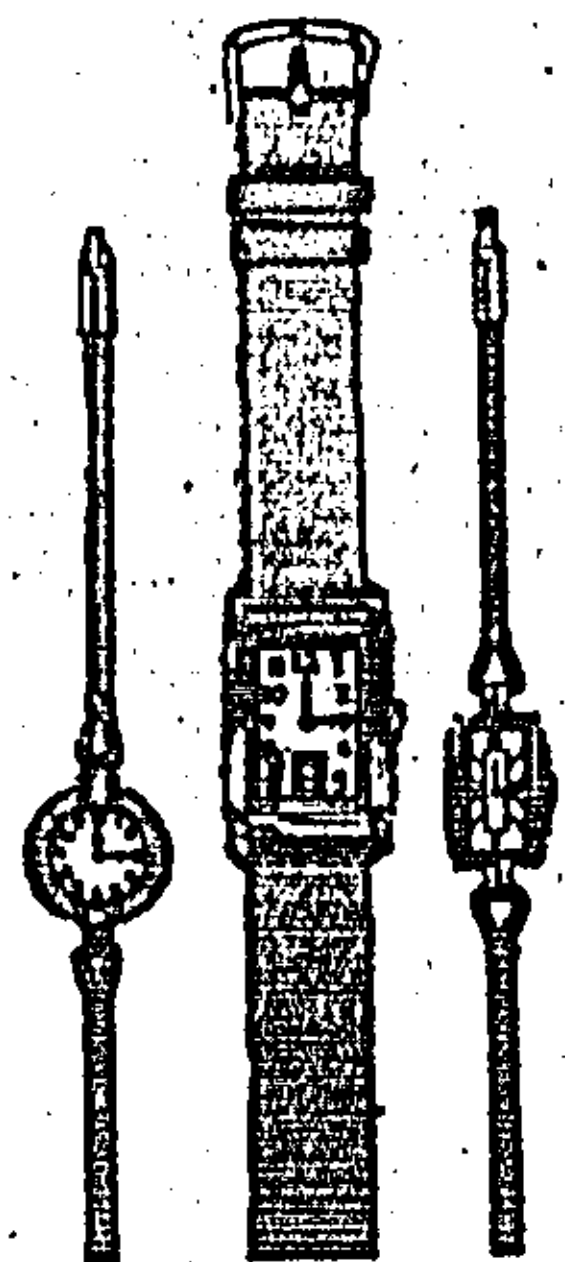
"The base is not a challenge to war," said the Governor, "but an insurance against it, and a symbol of the care of the mother country for her people. The British Empire is one of the most potent influences in civilisation, but it must be strong."

Lt-Col. Llewellyn, on behalf of the Admiralty, thanked everyone concerned with the achievement and on behalf of the British Government all concerned for the assistance, specially mentioning New Zealand. He welcomed the Malay rulers and also the representatives of the United States Navy.

"Their visit coincides fortunately with the ceremony to-day," he said. "The American nation is so closely akin to our own in aspirations and ideals." He affirmed that the base was no menace to anyone. It was not a warlike device that prompted its building, but Britain had signed the Kellogg Pact and meant to keep it.

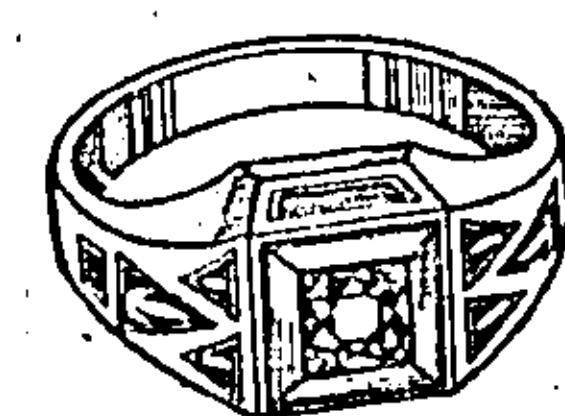
Eighty planes roared overhead and a salute of 17 guns was fired. At the conclusion of the ceremony Llewellyn was introduced to the heads of all departments concerned in building the dock including three Indians and three Chinese who were in charge of the 4,000 workmen. Subsequently 400 invited guests boarded H.M.S. Eagle where a reception was held.

Late in proceedings the sun broke through the clouds.—Reuter.

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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES
Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILES

From	Per	Due
Air Mail by Pan American Airways Direct Service—San Francisco date 6th February.	Pan American Airways Plane	February 15.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	February 15.
Calcutta and Straits	Tainan	February 15.
Amoy	Aramis	February 16.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	February 16.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	Luchow	February 16.
Australia and Manila	Atsuta Maru	February 17.
Haliphong	Canton	February 17.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 20th January and London Parcels—London date, 13th January.	Kaisar-I-Hind	February 17.
Calcutta and Straits	Kutsang	February 17.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels—London date, 6th January.	Menestheus	February 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Doumer	February 17.
Japan	Yochow	February 17.
Straits	Bangalore	February 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Carthage	February 18.
Haliphong	G.G. Paul Doumer	February 19.
Shanghai	Victoria	February 19.
Japan	Delagosa Maru	February 20.
Straits	Jeyapore	February 20.
Bangkok and Swatow	Yingchow	February 20.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 12th February.	Imperial Airways Plane	February 21.

OUTWARD MAILES

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Szechuen	Tues., Feb. 15, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Tainan	Tues., Feb. 15, 3.30 p.m.
Salgon	Helikon	Tues., Feb. 15, 3.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Mausang	Tues., Feb. 15, 4 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulua and U.S.A. by the "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 23rd Feb.	K. P. O.	Tues., Feb. 15, 5.00 p.m.
	Reg.	Feb. 15, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 15, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, C.N.A.C. Plane	K. P. O.	Tues., Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Kweilin and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service"	Reg.	Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 15, 5 p.m.

Wednesday

Samshul and Wuchow	Kongkong	Wed., Feb. 16, 8.15 a.m.
*Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Holhow	Wed., Feb. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan	Wed., Feb. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Aramis	Wed., Feb. 16, 3.30 p.m.

Thursday

Samshul and Wuchow	Kongkong	Thurs., Feb. 17, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Sulyang	Thurs., Feb. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haliphong	Szechuen	Thurs., Feb. 17, 1 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Changto	Thurs., Feb. 17, 1 p.m.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday, 1st March	Reg.	Feb. 17, 3 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 17, 3 p.m.
Salgon, Ceylon, India, East and President Doumer	K. P. O.	Thurs., Feb. 17, 4.15 p.m.
South Africa, Egypt and Europe	Reg.	Feb. 17, 4.15 p.m.
via Marseilles—due Marseilles 16th March	Ord.	Feb. 17, 5.00 p.m.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	Thurs., Feb. 17, 5 p.m.

Friday

Sandakan	Hinsang	Fri., Feb. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Tingsang	Fri., Feb. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Kaisar-I-Hind	Fri., Feb. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Japan	Kutsang	Fri., Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Europe via Marseilles	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Fri., Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
—due Marseilles, 18th March	Reg.	Feb. 18, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 19, 10.30 a.m.

Saturday

Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Carthage Service"—due Amsterdam, 27th February	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Feb. 19, 9.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Feb. 19, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 19, 10.00 a.m.
Amoy and Foochow (via Amoy)	Luchow	Sat., Feb. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Victoria	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.
Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 12th March	Reg.	Feb. 19, 3.45 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Imperial Airways Plane Sat., Feb. 19, Direct Service"—due London, 28th February	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 20, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Darwin, 27th February	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 20, 9 a.m.

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Year by year the company's report shows more progress. In 1937 34 more of the now familiar red-fronted stores were opened, making a total of 711 branches, employing nearly 40,000 people.

It seems difficult to believe that an organisation so vast, with a capital of £12,500,000, has grown from a single store opened at Liverpool in 1909.

EMPIRE NEWS

AUSTRALIA'S GOOD HOLIDAY TRADE

Sydney, Thursday.
Following reports of the best Christmas trade for years, markets have shown consistent improvement for a week.

To-day, the last on which the Stock Exchanges will be open before Jan. 5, dealings were quiet, but showed a healthy tone.

The note circulation of £53,000,000 is the highest for several years. Unemployment in New South Wales is at a record low figure. Savings bank deposits increased by £10,000,000 in 1937.

Though wool, wheat, butter, sugar and tin prices fell on an average by 11 per cent. in November, the yields during the five months to Nov. 30 showed a 53 per cent. rise over the corresponding period last year.

Rugby League "Poaching."—Mr. Miller, Secretary of the Australian Rugby League Board of Control, describes the English League's decision to ban "poaching of Australian and New Zealand players by English clubs till the end of 1940 as the best news of the year. "It will improve the standard of our games," he said. "People will flock back to our games. We are anticipating a bumper season in 1938 with visits of Frenchmen and New Zealanders. By 1940 the advantages of forbidding poaching will probably lead to an extension of the ban."

Budge's Status.—Donald Budge, commenting on a message from America, stating that his parents wanted him to benefit financially from his lawn tennis successes, said he had no intention at present of becoming a professional.

A £500 Prize.—It is announced that Pinckney and Goff, of Gray's Inn-square, London, have won the first prize of £500 for plans for the enlargement of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, at a cost of £500,000. Thirty designs were submitted. A Sydney firm took the second prize of £300.

INDIA MANOEUVRES AT BOMBAY

Bombay, Thursday.
Officers of the Bombay Garrison, the Royal Air Force, and the Royal Indian Navy, with auxiliary force units, may spend the Christmas and New Year holidays preparing a big scheme for a week's manoeuvres designed to test Bombay's land, sea and air defences, beginning on Jan. 3.

The authorities believe that the chief danger to be guarded against would be solely in isolated raiders, such as the Emden proved in the last war. The manoeuvres are designed on this basis, but also include a complete black-out of the city to test the result of an air raid. Fire brigades, ambulances and anti-gas detachments will participate.

The Fleet and Air Force machines will take part, and H.M.S. Lawrence will act as an enemy raider, attempting to land a party at Juhu, a seaside resort in the suburbs. Detailed attention is being paid to safeguarding vital supplies of water and electricity, especially from internal sabotage by enemy agents. The supplies come from great distances.

Elephant's Revenge.—An astonishing story of an elephant's revengeful memory comes from Ranpur, A Bhadrachalam village, where a landowner's elephant with a bad temper charged the man suddenly, but he fled to a house and the elephant was brought to book. The animal seemed docile all day, but when returning by the same route in the evening suddenly broke loose and wrecked the house where the man had formerly taken refuge.

The man was then elsewhere.
Arrest After 10 Years.—An escaped convict named Urno has been re-arrested after a lapse of 10 years and sentenced at Calcutta to six months' imprisonment for a life sentence at Rajshahi, Bengal, in 1921, when serious trouble broke out and he, with several other prisoners, escaped.—*Reuter.*

AUSTRALIA CHANGES COINS

Melbourne.
Australia is changing the designs of all its coins to emphasize the resources and characteristics of the country. While the King's head will still be retained on the face of all coins, the reverse will have such images as kangaroos, a ram's head, indicative of wool, and three ears of wheat, symbolic of that crop.

How is it done in stores where nothing costs more than sixpence? Asked this question recently, Mr. W. L. Stephenson, chairman of the British company and the "brain" behind it, replied:

"I'm much more interested in how it is going to be done next year. There is nothing tricky about it; it is simply straight-forward marketing."

Mr. Stephenson is now getting on in the fifties, but looks ten years younger.

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In 1909 he was one of a small group of young men who opened the first Woolworth's in this country.

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Appropriately a sixpenny piece and a three-penny piece were built into her in place of the sovereign and half-sovereign which tradition decrees shall be laid on a yacht's keel.

Managing director of the company is 49-year-old Mr. Louis Denemont. He also was a pioneer, coming from America in 1910 and working at the first branch.

Like Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Denemont, every man holding high office in the company has achieved it from humble beginnings.

Choosing Sex Of Child

Life Mystery Solved By Doctor?

A Famous Harley Street surgeon has achieved remarkable results in predetermining the sex of children before conception.

The Sunday Chronicle understands that this surgeon has treated more than 100 women during the past three years and has enabled them to choose the sex of the child which they wished to bear.

The cases were successful in three out of four.

Years of research have led to the amazing discoveries on which the new treatment is based.

It is claimed that the sex of a child may be determined by the chemical conditions prevailing in the mother at the time of conception.

INJECTIONS GIVEN

Scientists have found that a woman in an acid state of conception will bear a girl child.

If an alkaline state predominates the baby will be a boy.

Under these conditions a doctor may inject acid or alkaline preparations to ensure the birth of a baby of the sex desired.

Moreover, it has been discovered that alkaline preparations of the body destroy conception and render women unable to have children.

If these women are given the correct acid or alkaline antidote they are enabled to become mothers.

GREATEST MYSTERY SOLVED

The doctor's work and conclusions are described in a book entitled "Boy or Girl," and are supported by the experiments of Professor Unterberger, director of the gynecological section of the Konigsberg Hospital, Germany.

These scientists' work has paved the way for a new world in which the greatest mystery of birth will be solved.

Unterberger has been successful in treating a number of sterile women with alkaline preparations. In every case where the treatment was successful woman gave birth to a boy.

He then applied his treatment to 74 women who had given birth to two, three and four children, but all of them girls. His method was immediately successful.

A series of boys was born to the women, who had hitherto had only girl children.



Smiling greetings to her people, here is the Queen Mother as she arrived at the Belgian Embassy in London for a dinner in honour of King Leopold of Belgium. King Leopold recently made a three-day visit to London.

SCHOOL WHERE "BACK-ANSWERS" ARE ALLOWED

PUPILS at a school near Totnes (Devon) are not obliged to take lessons in a particular subject if they are not interested in it.

They are encouraged to be frank and honest. They may even "answer back" the headmaster.

From this school the headmaster (Mr. W. B. Curry) went to the News Chronicle Schools Exhibition in London to discuss dispassionately aspects of "The Modern Movement in Education." His school, Dartington Hall, presents the educational side of one of the most interesting social experiments of the generation.

Mr. Curry began his talk by placing upon the shoulders of educationists most of the blame for the Great War, and he warned his audience that unless something was done to adjust the profound irrationality of human society the consequences will be measureless.

HAMPERING CIVILISATION

"The Great War," said Mr. Curry, "was itself a challenge to traditional usage in education, and the ideas and emotions that led to the Great War are still hampering civilisation are, to some extent, the product of education."

To some educationists who had now become identified with the modern education movement these were wrongs that must be righted in the school-room, and Mr. Curry outlined the trend and significance of the development.

Proneness to hate, so much in evidence everywhere to-day, is to some degree a direct product of unwise education, Mr. Curry argued, and has suggested to thoughtful educationists a challenge which has inspired the new movement.

A NATURAL CONCLUSION

If freedom to express opinions was inculcated in the classroom, tolerance towards the point of view of others would follow as a natural conclusion when the younger generation grew to manhood.

In this respect, new schools differed profoundly from traditional schools, where lessons were taught by the cane.

In the modern school, it was the development of the child's emotional life that counted, rather than behaviour and habits.

Mr. Curry said he was among those who thought that a world based fundamentally upon competition was a bad world.

If a class was based upon competition, then, in the nature of things, success was the boast of a very small minority and doomed most people to a sense of failure.

DISCOURAGED

For similar reasons class-work based on competition was unsound.

Those at the top did not need stimulating by such methods, and the boy at the bottom of the class, branded as a fool, did not feel encouraged to think that if he worked harder he would rise to the top.

No, the method discouraged those who needed encouraging most.

The majority of Mr. Curry's listeners were teachers, and for fully half an hour he was called upon to answer many stimulating questions.

Dr. Susan Isaacs, head of the Child Development Department at the University of London Institute of Education, presided.

CAT JOURNEYS 150 MILES

Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Lost from the Niagara Falls apartment of Mrs. Leslie Hodge, Nickie, a 6-year-old cat, is back home. Mrs. Hodge found her pet on a farm 150 miles from home and to which her family moved last summer.

RADIO BROADCAST

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H.K.T.
12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Rite de Costa (Piano).
Butterflies in the Rain (Reaves and Myers); Everyone Says 'I Love You' (Kaimar and Rugg); 'Waltz Time'—Medley (Strauss, arr. Levy); Dancing Butterfly (Young and Petkere).

12.42 The London Palladium Orchestra, cond. by Richard Crea.

Vivienne (Finck); Longing (Haydn Wood); The Valley of the Poppies (Ansell); A Birthday Serenade (Linck); The Druid's Prayer—Waltz (Davson).

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 The B.B.C. Orchestras.
Aida—Selection (Verdi); Grand March (Verdi). The B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra cond. by Percy Pitt; Overture 'Fingal's Cave', Op. 26 (Mendelssohn); Overture 'Merry Wives of Windsor' (Nicola); The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: Prof. Dr. phil. Dr. Ing. h.c. E. Graefe Subject: 'How Science rectifies Nature'.

2.15 Close down.
6.0-7.0 Chinese Programme.

7.0 Dance Music.
Fox Trols—The Lady Who Couldn't Be Kissed (Alm The Singing Marine); Swing, Swing, Dear Mother-in-Law; George Elrick and His Swing Music Maker; Rumba—Blue Rumba; Rumba Fox-Trol; Cuban Boys; Fox-Trols—I'm a Little Prairie Flower; The Best of Friends; Billy Cotton and His Band; Tanguis—La Ultima Cancion; Cabaletta; Heinz Huppertz and His Orchestra; Quickstep—Don't Say Goodbye; Waltz—I Hum A Waltz (Alm 'This is my Affair'). Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orch.

7.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.35 Studio—Colonel Irwin, B.O., M.C., on "Air Raid Precautions."

7.50 His Excellency The Governor.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Recital by Prue Lewis (Violin) and Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).

1.1 Mollie on the Shore (Percy Grainger); 2. Sussex Mummings Xmas Carols (Percy Grainger); 3. Prue Lewis accom. by Lindsay Lafford;

3. Three English Dances (York Bowen): (a) Country Dance, (b) Morris Dance, (c) Gig Dance. Lindsay Lafford; 4. Lotus Land (Cyril Scott-Kreiser); 5. Breath of June (J. B. McEwen); 6. English Dance (B. J. Dale); Prue Lewis accom. by Lindsay Lafford.

8.25 Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Hybris, The Cretan (Ellott); I Fear No Fox (Pinsuti); The Shepherd Boy's Song (Pepper).

8.35 Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

Puccini—Potpourri.

8.45 London Relay—The Band Wagon.

with Arthur Askey, Reginald Foort at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ and The Band Waggoners conducted by Phil Cridow. Production by Cordon Crier and Harry S. Pepper.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Beethoven—Moonlight Sonata (In C Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 2).

Played by Ignace Jan Paderewski.

10.03 New Symphony Orchestra and Angela Farnes (Soprano).

'Merric England—Selection (Edward German). Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent; The Nightingale Song (Wynne & Zeller); The Piper From Over The Way (Taylor & Braine); Angela Farnes; 'Le Cid' Ballet Music (Massenet); (n) Castiljano; (b) Andalus; (c) Andalus; (d) Aragonaise; (e) Madrilene; (f) Navarraise; Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

10.35 Sibelius Songs.

Flickan Kom Ifran Sin Alsklings Mote; Sav, Sav, Susa (Schilfrohr, Sauter) Op. 20, No. 4. Marian Anderson (Contralto) with piano accom. by Kosti Vahanen.

10.42 Sibelius—Symphonic Poem 'Night-Ride And Sunrise', Op. 55.

Played by The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted Adrian Boult.

11.0 Close down.

CITY TO NAME OFFICIAL SNIFFER

Sausalito, Cal.
The city council has been called upon to name an official sniffer. The city has been suffering from nauseating odours that might come from a reduction plant, the bay itself or other sources which it is necessary to determine definitely before the council launches punitive measures.

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MENTAL TEST SOUGHT

Barbara Stanwyck Accuses Her Ex-Husband

A psychiatric examination of Frank Fay, the former husband of Barbara Stanwyck, is being demanded by the film star's attorney in connection with her legal efforts to prevent Mr. Fay from visiting their five-year-old adopted son, Anthony (says Reuter from Los Angeles).

She alleged, amongst other things, that Mr. Fay muttered a prayer over each cigarette that he smoked; muttered prayers while driving a car; whenever he passed a church thereby endangering the lives of others; burst out with phrases such as "Lord help us" when reading, but would interperse these exclamations with profanities if he read something displeasing; once threw Anthony into a swimming pool; drank to excess.

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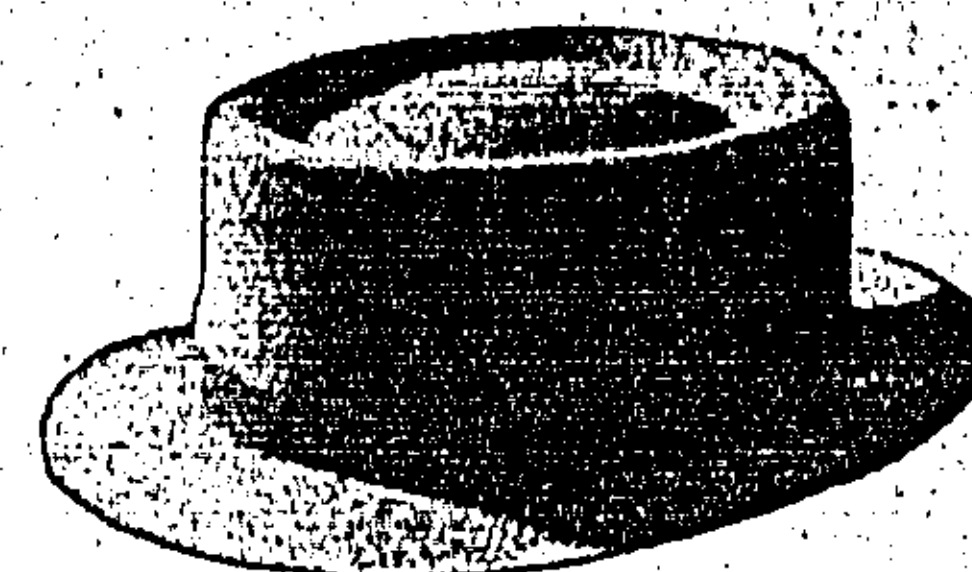
PRISON REFORM

Ottawa.
Sweeping changes in the Penitentiary Act are forecast for the coming session of Parliament following a year's investigation by a Royal Commission.

The Commission's report will, it is expected, recommend the British Bostal system for Canada.

The elimination of patronage in the prison service will be recommended, and it is suggested that the appointment of wardens and other officials might come under the Civil Service Commission.

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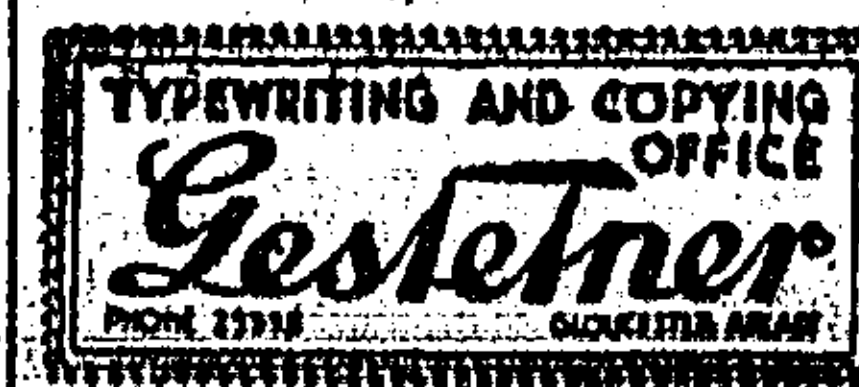
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NO NEW SOCCER TALENT UNEARTHED BY SERVICES

ONLY PROVEN MEN DO WELL IN THE TRIAL CONDITIONS TO BLAME FOR POOR DISPLAYS

(By "Abc")

As no new talent was unearthed, it is doubtful whether the football trial held by the Services at Sookunpoo yesterday taught the selectors anything which they did not already know. Only those whose prowess has been tried before in the Colony did well; all the rest were just so-so.

Conditions obtaining yesterday were far from conducive to good football, and the newcomers could hardly be blamed for not distinguishing themselves. The ground was so slippery that it was well-nigh impossible to maintain a footing, and an almost continuous drizzle, which commenced shortly after the trial had started, made the ball so greasy that control was almost out of the question.

Nevertheless, there were several who managed to overcome these difficulties and made their selections fairly secure.

Changes were made at the end of the first half. Several players who turned out for one side in the opening period were on the opposing eleven after the interval. In the circumstances, the score was unimportant, but as a matter of fact it might be mentioned that the Probables (Red) defeated the Possibles (Blue) by 7-1.

SAW ABSENT

The Probables took the field with only ten men, and missing from the Probables was Saw, who was kept out of the trial by injury.

The two teams in the first half were:

Probables.—Church (Navy); Webster (Middlesex); Sheehan (Middlesex); Williamson (Seaforths); Bright (Middlesex); Ferris (Navy); Grogan (Middlesex); McGuigan (Seaforths); Calvert (R.A.); Courtney (Middlesex); and Pearson (Middlesex).

Possibles.—Duncan (R. Scots); Fraser (R. Scots); Marshall (R. Scots); McKusker (Seaforths); Wilkinson (Middlesex); Potts (R. Scots); Alsey (R. Scots); Elton (R.A.F.); and Fleming (R. Scots).

The Probables were so overwhelmingly superior that Duncan was given a very trying time in the Possibles' goal. He was beaten only once, from close quarters by McGuigan, but before and after this, he stopped so many rasps from Calvert, Pearson and McGuigan that he made himself almost certain of inclusion, especially as none of the other goalkeepers who were tried managed to impress.

THOSE WHO SHONE

Midway in this half, Duncan changed places with Church, but the latter did not show up nearly as well. His handling was not so sure and he was beaten once by Pearson, who scored with a terrific left-foot drive to put the Probables two up.

Amongst others who shone for the Probables were Williamson, Bright, Ferris, Pearson, Calvert and McGuigan, Watson and Sheehan were a

Services Team To Play Corinthians

The following were selected last night as the Services team to meet Islington Corinthians next week.

Church (Royal Navy), Watson (M'sex), Sheehan (M'sex), Williamson (Seaforths) captain, Bright (M'sex), Ferris (Royal Navy), Grogan (M'sex), McGuigan (Seaforths), Calvert (R.A.), Saw (M'sex), Pearson (M'sex), Reserves.—Duncan (Royal Scots), Fraser (Royal Scots), Land (R.E.), Alsey (Royal Scots), Courtney (M'sex).

safer pair of backs than Fraser and Marshall of the Possibles.

Handicapped by playing with only ten men, the Possibles were never able to get going.

In the second half the teams lined up as follows:

Probables.—Smith (R.A.S.C.); Watson, Sheehan; Williamson, Bright, Ferris; Grogan; McGuigan, Pearson, Courtney and Elton.

Possibles.—Hillyer (R.A.F.); Fraser, Marshall; Fraser, McKusker, Wilkinson; Potts, Alsey, Calvert, Fleming and Church (Navy).

No fewer than six goals were scored in this half, and of these Pearson had a part in five. He put in four goals himself, including a beautiful header, and one bounced off Fraser's foot from a shot by him. The other goal was scored for the Possibles by Calvert, who slipped through between Watson and Sheehan to beat Smith.

PEARSON AS OUTSIDE LEFT

In view of the fact that apart from Pearson, there was not an outside left worthy of the name, Pearson will probably play in this position; otherwise his claims for inclusion as centre-forward would be just as strong as Calvert's.

The two players who played at inside-left did not give the impression of being better than Saw. Fleming was clever with his feet, but was far too prone to dribble, and Courtney was never really at home.

By the time this appears in print, the Services' team will have been known.



Rugby players of "C" Company, 2nd Battalion the Royal Welch Fusiliers, winners of the Inter-Company Rugby Cup during 1938. The photo was taken just before the Battalion left the Colony for the Sudan. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

OPEN-HANDED PAYMENT OF EXPENSES WANTED

No Official Statement By British L.T.A.

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

London, Jan. 12.

The recent claim by British lawn tennis players for open-handed payment of travelling and hotel expenses presents such a big question that people in the game are mystified that an official statement on the subject has not been made.

It is known that the problem has been before the Lawn Tennis Association. So when the new L.T.A. Council, appointed in December, held their first meeting last Monday, we expected something to happen.

Instead, silence reigns, leaving people to think that nothing has been done at all. The L.T.A. do not differ much from other sports control bodies. They all love secrecy and the issuing of bare statements, minus explanations.

But in this case there is no cause why it should not be given the light of day, and I am sure the players will not be satisfied until this is done.

Recently, as I told you, "Bunny" Austin headed a men's deputation to the L.T.A. and Mrs. (Dorothy Round) Little a women's party. Both urged that eight weeks' expenses be allowed in a playing season, as is the case in other lands. We can be sure they will continue pressing this claim.

ALL WANT THEM

The L.T.A. have not told us what occurred at their meeting on Monday, but notwithstanding the absence of official information it can be stated here that Sir Samuel Hoare, the president, reported the result of the meetings and his colleagues had with the players.

We have also discovered that the councillors were left in no doubt that the expenses claim argued by Austin was intended to apply to players generally and not to a select few.

Much talk took place, but the outcome of it was that the whole question was referred back to a committee who considered it last year—a committee unchanged in personnel, a committee, in fact, who have already said "No" to the expenses claim.

Which seems to me not a very great deal of progress.

THE TRUE-BLUES

A clear understanding should be reached on the question of tennis expenses. Secrecy and subterfuge

should be scorned. While the L.T.A. are trying to decide whether expenses should be paid, players are getting them surreptitiously.

There is a fear that if eight weeks' expenses were permitted, payment would not stop there. I do not think it would, for if the principle of officially condoned expenses is established, how can anyone say that it is right for a player to take eight weeks' out-of-pocket money, and a crime if he accepts nine weeks, or the whole 52?

The offence would be on a par with that of the man whose drinking having become illegal in one public house, crosses the road to another bar which remains open later.

It should not be thought that official sanction would mean all players getting their travelling money. Tournament committees would still pay those whom they desired to attend. In other words, the "rabbit" would continue paying his own way.

In fact, the irrepressible "rabbit" in any sport is the only true-blue amateur, if that term implies that an amateur is one who pays every penny of his games-playing costs.

SECRECY UNWANTED

In this case, I am on the side of the tennis players for two reasons:

(1) Amateurs get expenses in other sports;

(2) It is better for expenses to be paid openly than secretly, for then a governing body can keep a check on them and see that the dividing line between expenses and wages is not crossed.

The funniest thing—and this applies to most games—is that while councillors, committee men, and commissioners get frightfully "sticker" about amateurs receiving expenses, the said councillors, committee men, and commissioners usually see to it that they get their return fares paid when they have to travel to meetings.

Corinthians Due In Colony To-morrow

Messageries Maritimes announced this morning that the Aramis, bringing the Islington Corinthians to Hongkong from Malaya, will arrive in port to-morrow about 11 a.m. She will go alongside Kowloon Wharf.

A full South China A.A. delegation, headed by the General Committee of the Club and officials of the Hongkong Football Association, will go on board to welcome the famous visitors.

The Chinese are preparing a grand reception for the Corinthians, who will be escorted to the Peninsula Hotel in style.

GLASGOW RANGERS DRAW BYE

Third Round Of Scottish Cup

London, Feb. 14.

Glasgow Rangers have drawn a bye in the third round of the Scottish Cup which will be played on March 5.

Celtic, holders of the trophy, have been drawn at home to Kilmarnock, while Aberdeen will be away to East Fife.

The draw, which was made to-day, resulted as follows:

THIRD ROUND

Celtic	v. Kilmarnock
Morton	v. Queen's Park or Ayr U.
East Fife	v. Aberdeen
Partick	v. Raith R.
Falkirk	v. Albion R.
Stenmuir or Motherwell	v. Hamilton

The Rangers and St. Bernards or King's Park have drawn byes into the fourth round.—Reuter.

ENGLISH LEAGUE

London, Feb. 14.

In the northern section of the Third Division in the English League, Halifax, at home, drew with York, each side scoring twice.—Reuter.

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

Australian Proposals Discussed

THE EIGHT-BALL OVER, WIDES AND NO-BALLS

The weather started going wrong on last Saturday week and though the cricket programme was finished on that day, there followed a solid seven days of the worst climatic conditions that I think I ever recall in a February. It was more like April or May save that it was beastly cold.

There was no cricket at all last week and I, for one, am very glad of it. It ruins a game of cricket to have it played under thoroughly unsuitable conditions and the League struggle is at a most interesting point now with, as a rule, most sides having only two more League games to play. Games played in very cold weather and/or on mud-paths are most unsatisfactory and lead to the most unexpected and incorrect result if one may use the phrase. A cold unpleasant day handicaps everyone, but I think the I.R.C. fare worse in this sort of weather than most other people.

There are just one or two points on which I have been intending to make comment when I could find space and now seems a good opportunity. The first one is the Australian proposal to reckon in the wides and no-balls into a bowler's analysis, and debit them against him. I must confess that up to a few years ago, when I had not analysed the score-sheets of games so carefully, I had always been under the impression that this was done and I am afraid I did so during one period when I did quite a bit of scoring.

No one ever bowled me out but the point came up during one of those pleasant long cricket talks which develop after a game is over. The opposition were so positive that I lay pretty low and afterwards verified as far back as I could in Wisden's—which was only until 1928. I found that I had been quite wrong. But the fact remains that somewhere I must have seen records—possibly the reviews of various counties' seasons—in which in the bowling analysis reference was made to Wides and No-balls. It must have been in my earliest (and therefore most impressionable) years of cricket, probably about 1890. I should be interested to know if anyone has a similar recollection. Even if there was such a practice it has quite gone out and though the Australians have every right to introduce it in Australian cricket, I think it is most unlikely that the M.C.C. would adopt it, even if it was put up to them, and as to this I have heard nothing.

PERFECTLY LOGICAL

The M.C.C. are very wisely averse from making any avoidable changes in the rules of the game—there have been quite a lot lately as it is—and so it would probably not go through.

But if you come to think of it, it is perfectly logical. Byes and leg-byes are not scored against the bowler because they are not (entirely anyway) his fault. But Wides and No-balls are and why should not he pay for them?

Another point is that of the adoption of the eight ball over. Reading carefully of the game, one comes to realize that there are a large number of cricketers who are in favour

of the 8-ball over being adopted in England. And what is more, their number is growing. In a somewhat myopic outlook I must admit I had always rather considered the question from the bowler's point of view—or perhaps it would be more correct to say from the point of view which envisages the bowler's activities. As regards this attitude there were two distinct attitudes, the one which thought the extra two balls would tire the bowler; and the other which thought the extra two balls would enable the bowler to perfect a complete strategic attack on a batsman more successfully when he had eight than when he was limited to six balls. And in this latter connection, I very well remember the change over from five to six balls. I read a lot of cricket even then and I well recollect bowlers then saying the extra ball helped their scheme of attack. I suppose it is worth mentioning that as a rule the good bowler tries to make each over an artistic whole working up to the point where, having led his batsman up the garden path so to speak for several balls, he finally applies the coup de grace! Of course an odd number of runs scored usually spoils this, but that is the proper theory—each over an artistic whole!

TIME SAVED

This is all very well but I have recently realized that the great point about the eight ball over is the amount of time it saves. In a sequence of six eight ball overs you get forty-eight balls which equal eight six-ball overs, and so two complete changes of the field are saved—say four minutes. And eight overs of six balls take say thirty minutes. So the time saved is at least eight minutes an hour—I rather believe that actually it is a bit more.

I have already referred to the dislike of the M.C.C. for rule changing but when it is a question of minor alterations to save time and thus to lessen the number of draws I should be surprised if some steps of this sort are not taken in the near future. After all, it is not a radical change. As short a time ago as the 'seventies the over consisted of four balls. The number has been lifted to five first and then to six, so why not to eight? The increased strain on the bowler would surely be balanced by the increased resting time while the other end was bowling.

Finally, I recommend my readers to get hold, if they can, of a history of the 1936-7 Test Matches in Australia by Bruce Harris. It is a bit sketchy, and the tables are not too carefully compiled, e.g. he has the score of the second innings in the first Test completely jumbled up—but it is quite readable and lacks the Pomponius Ego touch of some other gentlemen who have described Tours in Australia.

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Recent appointments to the China Station, notified by the Admiralty, include:

Payr. Cdr. A. G. Spears to Kent (February 17).

Wt. Engrs. G. T. Wilkinson to Medway (February 7); J. W. Northwood to Regulus (undated).

Commander A. F. St. G. Orpen has been appointed in command of the river gunboat Gannet, in the Yangtze Flotilla, to succeed Commander D. P. Evans on the latter completing two years. Commander Orpen was promoted in the New Year list from the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert. He entered Osborne as a cadet in September, 1910, and specialized in submarines as a sub-lieutenant. His last foreign service was in the cruiser Delhi in the Mediterranean from 1932 to 1934.

Portland Dockyard

Commander A. B. Fanshawe, relieved on January 1 in command of the turret drillship Erebus at Portsmouth, has been appointed Commander of the Dockyard and Assistant King's Harbour Master at Portland, in succession to Commander G. E. Boulbee, whose tenure has expired, and who is to become Admiralty Liaison Officer for the R.N.R. and Merchant Navy in the Scottish Area. Commander Fanshawe, who entered Osborne in September, 1900, served throughout the War as sub-lieutenant in destroyer flotillas. He was promoted to his present rank in 1929 when executive officer of the cruiser Caledon in the Mediterranean. In 1925-27 he commanded the river gunboat Moorhen in the West River Flotilla, and in 1930-32 the Gannet in the Yangtze Flotilla.

Submarine Depot-ship

Commander (E) R. W. V. Reeves has been appointed for duty in connexion with the building of H.M.S. Forth, the submarine depot-ship ordered under the 1937 programme from John Brown and Co., Clydebank, and laid down in 1934. The Forth is expected to be a similar ship to the Maidstone, launched by the same firm on October 21, 1937, and due for completion shortly. Commander Reeves, who entered Osborne as a cadet in May, 1913, served as a sub-lieutenant of the Valiant in the Grand Fleet in 1916-18, and was appointed to Keyham College to specialize in engineering as a sub-lieutenant in January, 1920. He has had many years' experience with submarines, was engineer officer in the steam-driven submarine K 2 in 1924-25, and more recently has been engineer officer of the submarine depot-ships Titania, in home water, and Medway, in China.

Officer for New Zealand

Lieutenant-Commander T. Ellis, from the Junior Officers' War Course at Portsmouth, is being sent for duty under the New Zealand Government. Lieutenant-Commander Ellis was transferred from the R.N.R. to the Royal Navy as midshipman in 1910, while serving in the battleship Thunderer in the Grand Fleet, and from April, 1918, was sub-lieutenant in the second-in-command of patrol boat P 75. After the War he served on the Africa and China Stations, and after graduating at the Staff College in 1930 he was staff officer in the South African Naval Service until it was reduced in 1933.

Birmingham Presentation

The visit to H.M.S. Birmingham at Portsmouth on January 31 of the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, to make a presentation of plate to the ship on behalf of the citizens of Birmingham, recalls that it is just 24 years ago that the previous cruiser of this name (the first to be called after the city) was commissioned at Portsmouth by Captain (now Admiral Sir) Arthur A. M. Duff. This Birmingham accounted for the first enemy submarine sunk in the War, U 15, on August 9, 1914. She served in the 2nd Light Cruiser Squadron of the Grand Fleet, and was present at Jutland. After the War she was flagship on the Africa

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Everyone who has endured the torment of stomach pains will sympathize with Mr. Pittcock. Many who still suffer with stomach trouble can benefit from his experience. If you neglect nature's warning you may be faced with serious danger. If you do as Mr. Pittcock did—as tens of thousands of stomach sufferers have done—then you have no need to fear.

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HOUSE-FLIES' CRIMES

Then think of the ubiquitous house fly, the carrier of many diseases, such as dysentery, typhus, and tuberculosis, which slays thousands of children annually in all the slums of the great cities of the world.

Man is the highest form of creation, but when one considers the power of the insect world, he is not so marvellous in spite of his wonderful inventions. If a man could jump as high as a flea, he could clear St. Paul's Cathedral in a single bound. If he could, in comparison to his stature, construct buildings as high as the ants construct their nest in Africa (many of these nests rising as high as 20 feet), the skyscrapers in New York would be dwarfed in comparison with the mighty erections he would build. If he could multiply as fast as the insects, there would not be standing room in the world in a few years!

Joyce Kingdon.

MAN'S DEADLIEST ENEMY

(Continued from Page 6.)

small weevils pursue their way of destruction, and it is calculated that they destroy cotton in the U.S.A. to the sum of £8,000,000 annually. No certain remedy has yet been discovered for their complete destruction, although vast sums of money have been spent in trying to find a remedy, and trying to produce a cotton plant which will resist attack.

In Ceylon alone, during the year 1934, 214,224 deaths occurred from malaria, and this does not include thousands who died of starvation and want, owing to there being no one to cultivate the land. All these deaths are due to the tiny anopheles mosquito, as malaria is caused entirely by the bite of this insect.

The vast ruined cities of Ceylon, and the huge artificial lakes, known as tanks, which once irrigated large tracts of land and supported a great population, are all derelict and now buried in the jungle, their inhabitants entirely wiped out. All this

Facts (2)

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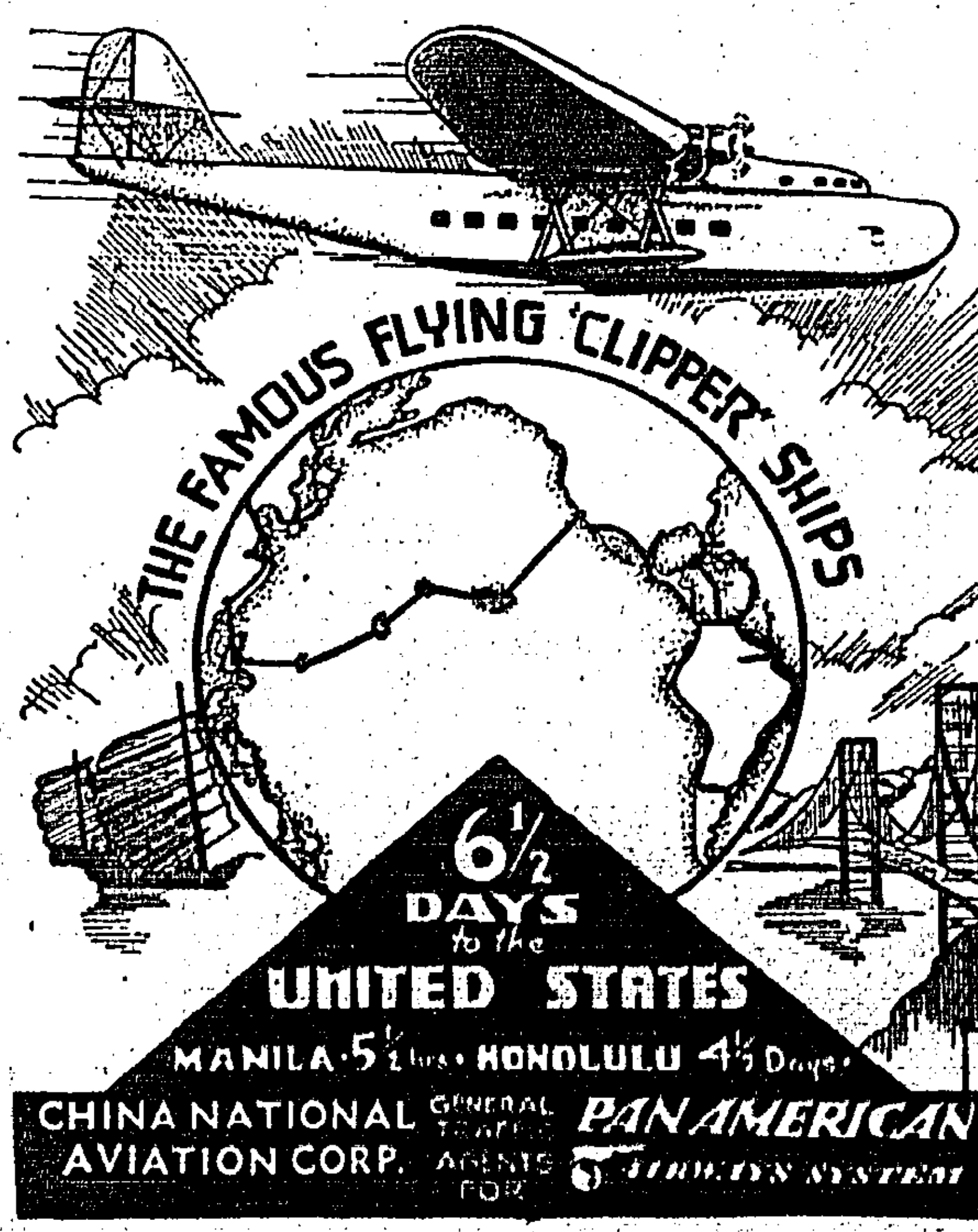
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IN MEMORIAM

ABBAS.—A. H. Abbas who passed away on 14th February, 1937. The blow was great, the shock severe. We little thought his death so near. Only those that have lost can tell the sorrow of parting without farewell. Inserted by his wife and children.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1938.

ASSET WORTH PRESERVING

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto proposes to ask at to-day's meeting of the Urban Council certain pertinent questions relating to the destruction of Hongkong's all-too-scanty woodland. It is impossible to apply to our dwarfed little trees so distinguished a term as forest or timberland, and the hearts of poets are not so apt to bleed when they observe coolies, with or without permission, hewing away the branches and gashing the trunks. But these small trees are just as important to Hongkong as any towering pine or fir or cedar to lands fortunate enough to possess them. The necessity of preserving these trees has been stressed too often to require repetition or explanation here. Suffice it to say that they are very necessary for the maintenance of adequate water supplies and preventing soil erosion.

But to go back to Dr. Basto's questions, which indicate the proper civic spirit and his practical interest in the welfare of the community, it is only fair to point out that the present Director of the Botanical and Forestry Department arrived in Hongkong only recently, and in the very midst of the epidemic of timber-thieving. It is to be hoped that he will be given an opportunity to explain to Dr. Basto precisely what steps the authorities are taking to end the destruction of Hongkong's woodland. The recent absence of prosecutions of timber thieves does not necessarily mean that their depredations have ceased or that they have even diminished to any extent. It may be that they are merely more cautious. It is very certain that they have not abandoned their raids entirely.

It is the custom here to lease certain large timbered areas in the New Territories to

The STARS still take the ROAD TO RENO

THE heavy scent of roses sprayed on me as Jeanette MacDonald walked down the aisle of the Wilshire Methodist Church in Hollywood on her way to meet Gene Raymond at the altar.

Behind me two women whispered as she passed, "Wonder if it'll last." They waited to see whether Gene kissed her. He did. "Ah!" they gasped, and I knew they felt it would last.

It was just as it happens on the screen—all of it: the colour, the scent, the music, the smiling bride, the flushed bridegroom, the church richly garnished with flowers.

Hollywood loves a big wedding. It is so like the last delicious reel of those screen romances it turns out of its huge film factories.

65 Per Cent. Fail

THAT'S the trouble. So many of the Hollywood stars fall under the spell of their own screen magic; go into married life with the feeling that it is all mapped out just as though it were in a film script. When they find it isn't, they weep, or buy tickets for Reno.

I estimate that not less than 65 per cent. of the marriages which unite actor and actress fail dismally. Among actresses marrying film directors or producers, about 30 per cent. fail to stay married, while those actors and actresses who marry completely outside of films present Hollywood with less than 20 per cent. of its total divorce headlines.

The reason. Habit. The habit of making believe. If you were asked every day to give vent to emotions you couldn't really feel, don't you think you might soon begin to confuse reality and unreality?

And this is where the Hollywood "gossips" come in to prey on the overwrought imagination of married stars.

Ginger Rogers told me how happy she and Law Ayres were when they first married. She wore green and the gossips loudly declared—while the service in the Little Church of the Flowers was still in progress—"unlucky to wear green... they'll never get on."

Whether Ginger and Lew heard them or not, it was not long before Hollywood broke down their romance.

Smart Parties

"LEW decided to have a shot at film direction, which meant his beginning all over again, while I happened to be doing specially well," Ginger told me.

"I had to give more time to the studios than Lew cared for, but then again he hated invitations to smart parties reaching him through me as a kind of Ginger Rogers escort you know. He didn't want to feel he was becoming known as Mr. Ginger Rogers. Who can blame him or any man?"

The significance and pathos of her story are underlined by the fact that no divorce has followed their parting, and when Ginger built her new home on Beverly Crest, Lew built his on a mountain which could overlook it. And in his bachelor suite is a wall which can be mechanically removed to make it into a double apartment just any time it might be wanted.

His Dollar Tip

BETTE DAVIS and her husband saw so many Hollywood marriages ruined by gossip that they resolved never to permit their

By
Walter Wyndham

professional lives to converge. While Bette was making £500 a week at the Warner studios, her husband Harmon Nelson was taking £40 a week as a solo pianist and crooner in a modest saloon on Hollywood Boulevard.

One night I was with Nelson when a rich customer sent him a dollar tip for singing! Who'd tip a famous film star's husband if he knew it? Fact is, the customer didn't know it.



Two of the latest pictures of above: Bette Davis, who is "not going to allow gossip to ruin our home," and (left) Ginger Rogers—"no divorce has followed the parting between her and Lew Ayres."

Bette never appeared at that saloon. Nelson never visited her at the studio. Both declined to talk about their married life to anyone and Bette, by a clause in her contract, forbade any mention of her real life romance in her film publicity.

"Three months after we married," she told me, "a gossip merchant came to see me and asked point blank whether I didn't think we could whip up a story of threatened divorce."

"I told him we didn't intend to read a scenario based on our private lives, and we were not going to allow either professional gossip or professional jealousy to ruin our home."

When Franchot Tone was filming "Dangerous" with Bette Davis, he happened to be planning his marriage to Joan Crawford. He asked Bette what to do to beat the Hollywood gossips.

"Shall we get married secretly?" he asked. Bette's advice was "Yes, if you can, and in any case never discuss your marriage or the marriage relationship with anyone." Neither Franchot nor Joan ever do so.

Some big Hollywood stars are frankly scared of marriage, not because they do not know their own hearts, but because they do know Hollywood with its pernicious tongue-waggers and its fearful jealousies.

Barbara Stanwyck has hesitated because of it. Clark Gable said to me: "A man cannot be himself and live the life of a film star at the same time."

Claudette Colbert, married to Doctor Joel Pressman, told me one day that marriage couldn't

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By Ed. Kelly, "Buck"

CIRCULATION of subsidiary coins in Hongkong has increased by nearly \$500,000 since last September.

Our interest in this increase in currency is purely literary.

It is estimated that if the coins were placed end on end along Des Voeux Road, three Scotsmen and about a thousand coolies would be killed in the riots. It would serve them riot.

It is also estimated that if the Treasury were to stack all the ten-cent coins one on top of each other on the cricket club ground, the Treasury would display a deplorable lack of cents.

The new coinage is said to be proof against counterfeiters.

This proves that prosperity is not around the corner.

Only one crude case of counterfeiting has been detected since the coins were issued.

The man will doubtless receive a stiff sentence, which will teach him not to metal with nickel in future.

Telephone officials in Hongkong do not like the new coins because they won't go into the slot machines. So they have to spend slots of money buying new slots.

However, they should be pleased with the new currency, because thousands of counterfeit cupri-nickel coins were put into their slot machines.

This was definitely phoney money.

A ten-cent coin is the most valuable issued in Hongkong. For it you can buy a round of drinks in the hotels, and the "boys" will even ask for your autograph.

We are now coin down to the Gloucester to test this statement.

As the corner says: "There may be a wave of prosperity, but bad times are sure to come again."

Notes to you.

Don't forget that, although there is a silver lining to the clouds, you'll get your feet wet if we don't put our backs to the wheel—and pull. A man on sterling salary must think of the ex-pence and the lbs. will take care of themselves.

be kept sweet on the lines of the everyday film story.

"That's why it's safest and best if only one is in films, and the other in something else," she said. "Conversation at home then gets away from the fictions of the movies, at least once in a while."

Claudette seems, in fact, to have summed up the situation. It is the art of taking life as it comes instead of trying to make a screen play out of it which baffles Hollywood.

SHORT ARTICLE ON MAN'S DEADLIEST ENEMY

HOW would you answer the question, Who or what is the deadliest enemy of mankind?

Various answers would be given, but the true one is the insect world. Insects are the most deadly menace to the human race.

Think for a moment of the Tsetse fly, the name applied to any of the eight species of glossina, a genus of African blood-sucking insect, only slightly larger than the house fly. Tsetse flies are restricted to Africa, although not found in the Sahara or void country of the extreme south. This fly is entirely responsible for the deadly disease "sleeping sickness," and around the shores of the great African lakes, in Uganda, and the Congo, many native villages and towns and their inhabitants have been completely blotted out, all owing to this small insect, the tsetse fly.

Science has spent great sums in trying to exterminate this insect and cure this terrible disease but so far the fly is victorious.

Then think of the flea. In India the plague, caused entirely by the bite of the flea, is calculated, according to Professor Leboy, to have destroyed eight million persons, and many cities and districts have become derelict, all owing to this tiny insect.

SPREAD BY RATS

When a case of plague occurs in any town or village in Ceylon or India, the authorities surround the place with a fence of corrugated iron, buried about three feet in the ground. Why? To prevent the rats leaving the stricken area. The rats, or really the fleas on them, are the carriers of the plague. As the rats die, the fleas leave their bodies and go to human beings, and so the plague spreads.

The farmers in Egypt and Africa have many deadly enemies, but the deadliest menace to their crops is the locust. These locusts, at certain times of the year, suddenly appear on the horizon, a vast cloud, even darkening the sun, and filling the air with the hum of their wings.

They descend on the farms and feed, and when they rise to continue their devastating flight, not a blade of grass or a leaf of a tree is visible. The whole landscape is one vast desert, and the inhabitants are faced with starvation and death.

So numerous are these terrible insects that trains meeting a swarm of locusts are often unable to proceed owing to the millions of their bodies clogging up the wheels, and so making them slip on the lines, bringing the train to a standstill.

EATEN AWAY

In Ceylon and other tropical countries the white ant termite is a deadly menace. These insects destroy many people and property worth thousands of pounds every year. They swarm in the bungalows eating every piece of wood they can find.

These termites always work in the dark and build tiny earth tunnels everywhere to reach the wood work. One day the bungalow collapses, and all the beams are found to have been completely eaten hollow by the pests. Outside, all looked well, until the crash came.

These termites eat everything, carpets, matting, clothes and wood, and it is almost impossible to keep anything from their ravages. Now that so much jungle in Ceylon has been cleared and wood is scarce in many parts of the island, this pest has begun to eat the tea bushes (underground, of course), and unless something is done, one can quite well imagine that the industry will be totally destroyed by these small insects.

The boll weevil has destroyed vast stretches of land in America, once under the cultivation of cotton. In spite of all science can do, these

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Help Kidneys**Don't Take Drastic Drugs**

Your kidneys have nine million tiny tubes or filters which are endangered by neglect or drastic irritating drugs. Beware! If kidney trouble or bladder weakness makes you suffer from Getting Up Night, Loss of Pains, Nervousness, Headaches, Stiffness, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Circles Under Eyes, Swollen Ankles, Neuritis, Burning, Itching, Smarting, Acidity or Loss of Vigour, don't delay. Try the Doctor's new discovery called Cystex (Blue-text). Soothes, tones, cleans and heals sick kidneys. Starts work in 10 minutes. Brings new health, youth and vitality in 48 hours. Cystex costs little and is guaranteed to end your troubles in 3 days or money back. At all chemists.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1938.
19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th February, 1938.

On Saturday 19th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The time interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, Tel. 21920.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, "Pie-Tac-men," etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1938.

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INDIA LOSSES TESTS**Victory For Tourists In Final Encounter**

Bombay, Feb. 14.
Lord Tennyson's team defeated All India in the test to-day by 150, thus winning the rubber three to two. Scores: Lord Tennyson's team, 130 and 288 (Pope 40). All India 131 and 131 (Wellard 5-50, Pope 3-28). Lord Tennyson will retire now from cricket. This was his last match. The tourists played 24 matches, won eight, drew 11 and lost five.—*Reuter.*

ARMY LEAGUE TEAM

The following will represent the Army in the senior league match against Civil Service at Sookunpoo on Saturday.—Capt. J. R. Mackintosh-Walker, Major G. S. Rawstorne, Major G. P. Murray, Endsmann, Cheney (Scarfords); Lt. L. C. Beadnell, Lt. M. P. Weedon, Lt. C. M. M. Man, Pte. Hatfield (Middlesex); Lt. A. E. Godby (R.A.), Lt. R. A. Barron (R.E.), Lt. Douglas (Royal Scots).

REFEREES' MEETING**Officials Chosen For Matches Against Corinthians**

The half-monthly meeting of the Hongkong Referees' Association was held yesterday. Mr. T. G. Stokes took the chair after over a year's absence on leave.

In a short talk entitled "Up for the Cup," Mr. Stokes recounted his experiences in attending the recent Cup final match in England.

The following referees have been invited by the South China Athletic Association to officiate at the Corinthians matches:

R. M. Omar, February 19, Corinthians v. S.C.A.A. Linemen, J. H. Lawrence, E. E. Sidebottom.

K. R. Ip, February 20, Corinthians v. Servics Linemen, H. J. Smyth, G. F. Finch.

D. Kossick, February 23, Corinthians v. Civilians Linemen, W. Day, A. A. Burton.

S. MacCormack, February 27, Corinthians v. All Hongkong Linemen, C. L. H. Martin, E. E. Ottaway.

All except Sidebottom, who has left the Colony, have accepted.

CORINTHIANS' RECORD**No Defeats In Fifteen Games Played in Malaya**

Played 15, won 13, drawn 2; 44 goals for, 9 against.

That is the record of the games which have just been completed by the Jellington Corinthians in Malaya. They suffered no defeat, and drew twice against two of the weakest teams they met!

The following is a summary of their games:

OPPONENTS. RESULT. GOAL SCORES.

Penang Athletics Won 4-1 Avery, Read, Sherwood (2).

Kedah Penang F.A. Won 3-1 Sherwood (2), Read.

Perak Won 3-1 Sherwood (2), Miller.

Perak Won 3-0 Tarrant, Sherwood, Pearce.

Negri Sembilan Won 4-1 Sherwood, Bradburg, Pearce (2).

Malacca T.P.C.A. (K.L.) Drew 1-1 Pearce (penalty).

Selangor Won 2-0 Sherwood (2), S.C.P.A.

All Singapore Won 5-0 Sherwood (5), Avery.

Singapore Civ. Won 1-0 Sherwood (2), Bradbury (2), Avery.

Malacca Won 6-0 Tarrant (3), Bradbury (2), Avery.

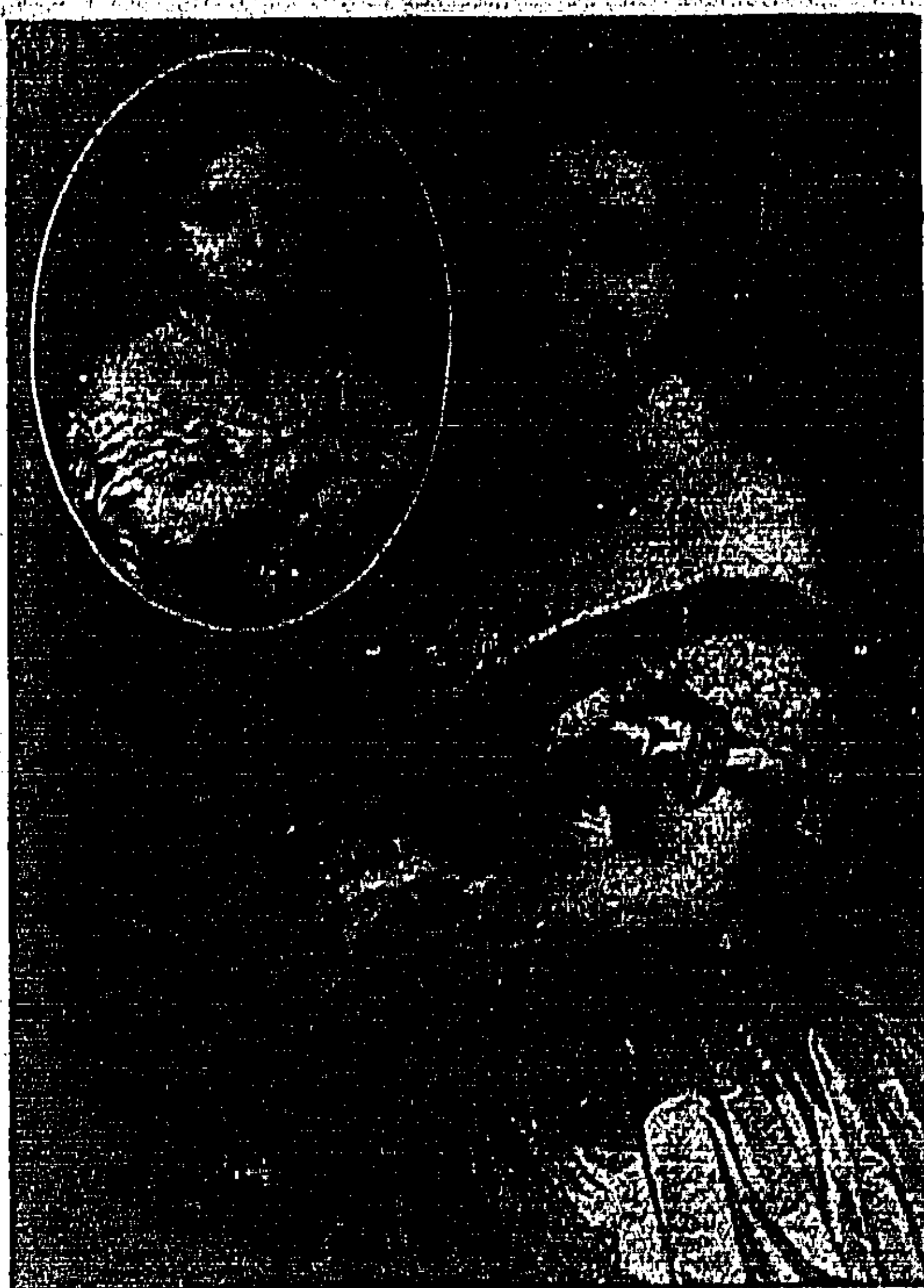
All Malaya Won 3-0 Brathwaite (2), Avery.

DAVIS CUP FORFEIT

Wellington, Feb. 14.
New Zealand has decided not to participate in the Davis Cup and Hungary, which was drawn to play her in the second round, gets a walk over.—*Reuter Bulletin.*



TWO HANDSOME NEWCOMERS. Frank Shields, ranking American tennis star, and Andrea Leeds, lovely Samuel Goldwyn "Red" in the screen version of Edna Ferber's "Come and Get It" which brings Edward Arnold, Joel McCrea and Frances Farmer to the Alhambra Theatre. The picture is showing for the last time to-day.



Two authentic portraits of Queen Victoria from old steel engravings. The inset shows her as a child, and the larger pose is of her soon after her accession to Britain's throne in 1837. The present year, which would have been the hundredth of her reign if she had lived, is an anniversary which is appropriately brought to mind by the sumptuous motion picture of her career, "Victoria the Great," which is now having its American premiere. Anna Neagle and Anton Walbrook are its stars, and Herbert Wilcox its producer.

TOM FARR "SHOULD TAKE THE FIRST BOAT HOME"**Controversy Over Bout With Braddock**

The fighting did not end in New York on January 23 when Tommy Farr stormed out of the Madison Square Gardens ring, kicking over his water-bucket and failing to shake hands with the ageing Cinderella man of American boxing, James J. Braddock, who had just been given a decision over him.

All night fighting went on—in Farr's dressing-room, in New York's night spots, among New York sports writers, who cuffed each other to emphasise their viewpoints, and also among fight fans who took to fighting among themselves.

All this was because of the decision that Braddock, presumably a back number in heavy-weight boxing, was the winner on points against Farr. This has raised a controversy the like of which America has not seen for a long time.

It began a few minutes after Braddock had received an ovation, following the most exciting last two rounds anyone could wish to see.

New York scribes, all of whom picked Farr to win, are saying now that he should take the first boat back home. They have decided that the Welshman has no punch and that his tactics can cause only haphazard damage.

All concede that if the fight had been over fifteen rounds instead of ten it would have been a very different story.

Here are some of the newspaper comments on last night's fight:—*New York Times:* Viewing the fight from any angle Braddock deserved the decision. He would not have had the strength to launch that recovery (in the last two rounds) if Farr had been a fighter. Practically every one at the ringside attributed the Welshman's defeat to his faulty style of fighting.

New York Herald Tribune: Farr should have won the fight. He is so much faster, but he cannot punch. He could not cope with that Braddock rally in the last six minutes.

Mirror: Farr won by a slight margin.

It was a blood match all through. At one time Farr and Braddock were cursing each other furiously, and once Braddock lost his temper completely and tried to bang his opponents' head against the ropes.

BADMINTON LEAGUE**Club de Recreo 'A' Defeat King's College**

Club de Recreo "A" defeated King's College 5-0 in the "A" Division of the Badminton League last night. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (recreo) beat S. P. Chan and H. N. Chung 21-12; beat H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui 21-10; beat W. C. Chung and K. A. Lo 21-12.

H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros beat Chan and Chung 21-7; beat Woo and Lui 22-20; beat Chan and Lo 21-12.

J. J. Kennedy and C. M. Silva beat Chan and Chung 21-8; beat Woo and Lui 21-11; beat Chung and Lo 21-11.

HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club in a friendly game of hockey against the Middlesex Regiment on the Club ground at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 18:

V. M. Benwell; J. E. Potter and E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed and N. D. Whitley; S. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), B. I. Dickford and V. Bond.

**SIAM GOLF TITLE WON BY AMORY**

Bangkok, Feb. 6.
Amory won the amateur golf championship of Siam this afternoon, beating W. J. Gibb, the former Malayan champion, 4 and 2 over 36 holes.

The first 18 holes, played this morning, ended with the players all square, but in the second round in the afternoon Amory (whose fourth championship this is) was in fine form and won well.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Come and Get It" (King's Theatre, to-day).—As in almost every picture in which he has appeared, Edward Arnold holds the spotlight in this production. The picture opens with some magnificent forest scenes and maintains a steady pace to the end. Fine support is given to the principal by Joel McCrea and Frances Farmer.

"Wells Fargo" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—The picture is painted on a wide canvas, and purports to show the development of the West in the early days. A huge cast is headed by Joel McCrea, Bob Burns and Frances Dee.

"Dance Charlie Dance" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—The names of Stuart Erwin, Jean Muir, Glenda Farrell and Allen Jenkins are sufficient recommendation for this film, which is one of the funniest seen locally in recent weeks.

"The Prince and the Pauper" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—This film has some good moments. The March twins are seen for the first time and judging by their performances more will be seen of them shortly. Errol Flynn and Claude Rains have the chief adult roles. Among the scenes is the coronation of an English king at Westminster Abbey.

"Way Out West" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—The famed pair of comedians, Laurel and Hardy, meet with a lot of catastrophes which most people, especially those who like this type of thing, will enjoy. Laurel is especially funny.

"Victoria the Great" (Coming to Queen's Theatre).—This RKO Radio production, with the famous English queen as the central figure, was recently passed by the British Government without the elimination of an inch of film and pronounced correct in every detail. The last 1,000 feet of this film are made in technicolour, thus heightening the effect of the magnificent uniforms of those taking part in the Court scenes. "Victoria the Great" opens at the Queen's Alhambra Theatres on Saturday, February 26, with a gala premiere at the Queen's on Friday, February 25, at 8.15 p.m. The band of the Seaforth Highlanders will play until 9.30 p.m.

FANLING GOLF**First Round Of Junior Section Championship**

The draw for the first round of the 1938 Junior Section Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club has been made, and is as follows:

R. L. Rodgers v. E. H. Watts, bye; H. N. Moran v. J. Gellatly; A. T. Braley v. G. Davies; A. L. Powell v. F. A. Dunnett; T. B. Low v. J. F. Smedley; J. W. Macdonald v. Hugh Smith; G. E. Willerton, bye.

The 1st round to be played on March 6; 2nd round on March 20; semi-final on April 3; final (36 holes) on April 17.

Matches must be played on the morning of the dates laid down unless competitors agree mutually to an earlier date. The first name in each bracket is the challenger and is responsible for the time and date. All matches to be played to a finish, weather permitting, and the winner should enter the results.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB**Tennis Tournament**

Closing date for Entries has been extended to SATURDAY, 19th February, at 6 p.m.

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Banks May Increase Gold Reserves

Sterilisation Laws Relaxed In U.S.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary for the Treasury, announced that as from February 1 the Treasury would limit its gold sterilisation operations to sums over \$100,000,000 acquired each quarter.

In other words, gold acquisitions up to \$100,000,000 in each three months will be allowed to increase the excess bank reserves without any offsetting through Treasury action.

Since \$30,000,000 in gold has already been acquired during the current quarter, this amount will be re-sterilised immediately by depositing \$30,000,000 of gold certificates with the Reserve banks, Mr. Morgenthau stated.

High officials have expressed the view that they expected the action announced by the Secretary would be non-dellatatory.—Reuter.

INSURGENTS GAINING GROUND

Loyalists Admit Losses

London, Feb. 14. Heavy fighting is taking place in the southern section of the Spanish war front.

The Government admits that the insurgents have made certain gains. On other fronts there is little activity.—Reuter.

STARVATION FACES REFUGEES

FOOD IN NANKING ZONE NEARS EXHAUSTION

Hankow, Feb. 14. A Chinese official source discloses that 150,000 refugees inside the refugee zone in Nanking and under the care of the International Relief Committee are facing starvation.

Foodstuffs will be exhausted within a couple of days, and the Japanese authorities have refused permission for the transport of further supplies to Nanking.

All attempts to secure food supplies in Nanking, Shanghai and elsewhere for these refugees have failed.

The sale or delivery of rice inside the zone is forbidden by the Japanese. The Chinese authorities hope that the situation will receive the attention of the outside world.

Most of the refugees inside the zone are homeless, for their homes were razed to the ground with the Japanese entry into Nanking.—United Press.

AUSTRIAN DOCTOR HELD BY CHINESE

Hankow, Feb. 14. Dr. Kobe, an Austrian subject who was arrested last October for alleged espionage, is being held at Wuchang.

It is alleged that the Chinese authorities have conclusive proof that Dr. Kobe was engaged in espionage, and was transmitting wireless signals, believed to be Japanese aircraft during air raids.

Dr. Kobe is allowed to leave his prison daily to treat the wounded at a nearby military hospital.—United Press.

Mr. H. C. Pratt Passes Away

Served In Navy And Army During War

The death occurred at the Queen Mary Hospital last night of Mr. Horace Charles Pratt, 47-year-old warder of Stanley Prison, who had been a patient for several days with cardiac trouble.

Mr. Pratt was recently bereaved of his daughter who died of smallpox in Shanghai. A son, employed in the Post Office, is on his way back from home leave.

Much sympathy will be felt for the widow at this second loss within a short time.

The late Mr. Pratt served throughout the War both in the Army and the Navy. He joined the warder staff in 1921 and held a senior position.

The funeral will be held this afternoon, the cortege assembling at the bottom of Stubbs Road at 3 p.m.

"SYMBOL OF RESOLVE FOR PEACE"

King Speaks Of Singapore Base

London, Feb. 14. "The construction of the Naval Base at Singapore is a symbol of the Empire's powerful resolve for peace, and has been marked by generous co-operation for the purpose of mutual defence."

This is part of a telegram sent by His Majesty the King to Sir Thomas Shenton, Governor of Malaya.

His Majesty expressed appreciation of the sentiments conveyed to him in messages from the Governor, who assured His Majesty of the pride with which the people of Malaya had learnt of the association of their country with the King's name, and their abiding loyalty to the Throne.

His Majesty also sent best wishes to the many distinguished representatives present at the ceremony.—Reuter.

Ambassador Finds Chinese Abroad United In Policy

London, Feb. 14. Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, gave a luncheon to all delegates from the various Chinese committees in Europe who attended the I.P.C. conference.

The company included representatives of the different political parties. Dr. Wellington Koo and Mr. Li Yung-yang (member of the Central Supervisory Committee) were among those present.

After the luncheon views were exchanged on the situation and it was found that general agreement existed, thus demonstrating the unity among all sections of the Chinese community abroad.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Congress Passes New Farm Bill

Government Control Of Agriculture

Washington, Feb. 14. The Senate has passed the Government's Farm Bill, which now only awaits President Roosevelt's signature before becoming law.

The new Bill is based on the existing Soil Conservation Act and establishes drastic control over the production and marketing of wheat, cotton, maize, tobacco and rice.

As the cost involved is estimated to exceed the \$300,000,000 available under the Soil Conservation programme, it is believed that an immediate result of the passage of the Act through Congress will be a drive towards revival of the old Agricultural Adjustment Administration and processing taxes, particularly on cotton and wheat.—Reuter.

Hankow Has First Night Raid Alarm

BUT RAIDERS FAIL TO APPEAR

Hankow, Feb. 14. Hankow had its first night air raid scare since September last night when the alarm was sounded at 8.45 p.m.

The populace raced through the moonlit streets for dugouts and other places of refuge.

There was a complete blackout for ten minutes, but the city was silhouetted clearly in the bright full moonlight, while the muddy Yangtze River shone like silver and was visible from the roof-tops for miles.

No raiders appeared however, and the "All Clear" was given at 9.50 p.m.

With the advent of full moon, Hankow is fully prepared for night visits by planes during the rest of this month.—Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

BUYERS MAINTAIN CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE

London, Feb. 14. With buyers still maintaining a cautious attitude on the London Stock Exchange to-day, business was again small, the majority of the movements being towards lower levels.

Home railways weakened on reports that employees will shortly submit fresh wage demands. International and Oils firmly held their levels on Continental inquiries.

Commodities were featureless. In foreign exchanges the American dollar eased on selling from New York, due to inflationary fears.—Reuter's Special.

ARMY OFFICERS MAY BE RETIRED

New York, Feb. 14. At least 250 officers of the U.S. Army are at present undergoing physical examination which will probably disqualify them for further field service, according to the New York Times.

It is believed the object of the examination is to replace aging officers with younger men and instructions have therefore been given by the Chief of Staff for speedy completion of the examination owing to the doubts felt concerning world affairs.—Reuter.

INDIA RAILWAYS SHOW PROFITS

New Delhi, Feb. 15. Estimates for the national railways of India will be submitted to both houses of the Legislature of India shortly.

The revised estimate for 1937-38 shows a surplus of £2,000,000, while the estimates for 1938-39 will be slightly less than that amount.

The surpluses will be transferred to the central revenue of the country.—Reuter.

EARL OF WARWICK GIVEN DIVORCE

London, Feb. 14. The Earl of Warwick has been granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court here, with the custody of a son born in 1934.

He petitioned on the ground of misconduct on the part of the Countess in Los Angeles in 1936, and named Roger Tanley co-respondent. The petition was not defended.—Reuter.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, reads:

The market opened and remained fairly steady. Hotels were enquired for at the improved rate of \$0.10, and Waterboats at \$9.30. Landa registered an advance and were placed at \$33.4, also Macao Electric at \$10.4, Steamboats at \$10.4, Old Providents at \$2.05. Cements were enquired for at \$13.00 after changing hands at that rate.

The Manila market was steadier with indications of likely further improvement in quotations.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank	\$1.475
Union Insurance	\$2.02
China Underwriters	\$1.40
Douglases	\$6
Union Waterboats	\$9.30
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$11.74
H.K. & W. Electric	\$10.4
Providents (Old)	\$2.05
Providents New	\$2.05
H. & S. Hotels	\$13.00
H.K. Cements	\$13.00
H.K. Tramways	\$14
Peak Tram (Old)	\$14
Yauwatt Feries	\$24
China Light	\$10.50
China Light (New)	\$7.40
H.K. Electric	\$10.4
Macao Electric	\$33.4
Telephones (Old)	\$43.50
Cements	\$13.00
Watsons	\$4.50
Entertainments	\$4
Consolidations	\$13
H.K. Govt. Loan	14 1/2 p.m.
Marmans (H.K.)	\$1- 4/2

Sellers

Peak Tram (New)	\$14
H.K. Govt. Loan	\$14.50
Hongkong Bank	\$1.465 cum d.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14.
Paris	152.15/32	152.3/32
Geneva	21.00%	21.01
Berlin	12.41 1/4	12.42 1/4
Athens	547 1/4	547 1/4
Rome	18.00	18.10
Copenhagen	22.42	22.42
Stockholm	10.40	10.40
Helsingfors	220 1/2	220 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/4	1/2 1/4
New York	5.00 1/4	5.02 1/4
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.97	8.98 1/4
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	100	100
Lisbon	110 1/4	110 1/4
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Dombay	1/6	1/6
Montreal	5.01 1/2	5.02 1/2
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JAPAN WATCHES "WITH CONCERN" H.K. ARMS TRADE

Talk of Counter- Measures To Meet Naval Competition

Tokyo, Feb. 15.
Huge quantities of Belgian and Czechoslovakian arms and ammunition seized at Tsingtao by the Japanese last month were sold and brought to China by British "Merchants of Death," says the *Nichi-Nichi*, leading Tokyo newspaper.

"If Great Britain really wishes to maintain neutrality in the current Sino-Japanese dispute she should follow the example set by France, which recently declared an embargo on the export of arms to China, and banned the transportation of war supplies through Indo-China," the newspaper adds.

"The Japanese Government is watching with great concern the growing imports of war supplies through Hongkong."

Japan must consider counter-measures to meet the situation caused by the plans of Great Britain, the United States and France, to expand their naval establishments, declares Kokumin, the popular daily.

Rejection "Natural"

In an editorial entitled "Rejection of the Triplicate Request Was Natural," *Nichi-Nichi* declares that the request for information from Great Britain, the United States and France was motivated by a desire to justify naval expansion by Japan's refusal to submit confidential information.

Pointing out that such an attitude was "regrettable from the standpoint of international faith and friendship so far exhibited by Japan," the newspaper adds that the three Powers are apparently aiming at realising qualitative restrictions in a manner that will benefit them.

"If the Powers really desire to bring about disarmament they must rectify the contradiction they are committing by insisting that expansion of their naval strength is due to Japan's refusal to submit information which she has a right to withhold," *Nichi-Nichi* concludes.—*Reuter*.

"BLACK-OUT" ON FEB. 28

Regulations May Be More Stringent

It is notified for general information that a "black-out" similar to that of December 9 last will probably be effected on February 28, 1938, between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m., and regulations under the Lighting Control Ordinance, 1936, for this purpose are at present under consideration, says an official announcement.

Motorists are warned that the restrictions on lights on vehicles are likely to be considerably more stringent than on the former occasion and may include the following:
Prohibition of head lamps, rear "stop" lights and illuminated direction indicators; Lights to be limited to two side lights and one rear light; No lamp exceeding six candle-power to be used; Glasses of lamps in use to be covered with at least one thickness of white or yellow tissue paper or other material having the same obscuring effect.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE ATTACKED

U.S. Press Outspoken
On Naval Problem
Country Won't
Accept Parity

(Special to "Telegraph")

New York, Feb. 14.
"So it looks like a naval race. Too bad. But we have got the money to stay in such a race longer than Japan. We had better do it. . . . What we need is a navy twice as strong as Japan's." So the *New York Times* heads its comment on the latest developments in the naval situation.

The *Herald-Tribune* puts it less crudely: "It is unfortunate the Japanese have refused to announce their building plans. The decision adds the miasma of secrecy to an already poisonous international atmosphere."

The *Times*, too, observes that "it is fortunate the Japanese Government has not seen fit to reply directly to the question. . . . and insists 'It has no intention whatever of possessing armaments which will menace other countries,' but a clear-cut 'Yes' or 'No' would have been more useful."

MERELY REITERATION

The *Washington Post* declares: "At first glance some encouragement may be found in the fact that Japan has not closed the door with a bang. Tokyo is willing to enter into discussions in the matter of disarmament which gives primary importance to fair quantitative limitation. However, this is merely a reiteration of Japan's previous stand."

The *Washington Herald* says Japan's answer "takes us back to precisely where we were in 1936. . . . For apparently good and sufficient reasons we refused parity then. We positively shall refuse it again." Cleveland's *Plain Dealer* observes: "Typical of Japan's propaganda is the sophistry contained in the note that the Japanese Government is always prompted by a spirit of non-malice and non-aggression, and has no intention whatever of possessing armaments which will be a menace to other countries. Just that final China in particular will be glad to hear it."—*United Press*.

China Organising Vast New Fighting Force

RAIDS KEEP RED CROSS BUSY



The persistent Japanese air raids in South China, mostly directed against some section of the Canton-Hankow or Canton-Kowloon railways, keep the ambulance units constantly on the alert. The men, and women, belonging to the Red Cross sections have done splendid work from time to time. Here is a party at the scene of an explosion carrying off the injured.

FOREIGN HOSPITAL AND CROWDED STREETS HIT BY BOMBS AT CHENGCHOW

(Special to "Telegraph")

Chengchow, Feb. 14.
The American Southern Baptist Mission at Chengchow has been bombed three times and four Chinese patients have been wounded by shrapnel.

The foreign staff at the mission includes Dr. S. E. Ayers of Atlanta, Ga., Dr. C. L. Pennybaker and his son, of Grand Lodge, Mich., Dr. D. Hanley, of London, England, Miss Grace Gibberd of London, Ontario, and Miss Pearl Reid, another Canadian. All of them dodged the shrapnel bursts and were uninjured.

A small bomb fell beside the hospital while Dr. Hanley was operating and he did not pause in his work. The whole side of the building was peppered with the burst and the windows were smashed.

Said Dr. Ayers: "We were outside when the planes came over and decided to go in. At that moment a bomb fell and glass flew all over and wounded three of our patients. 'We immediately transported them to a safer place.'"

BOMBS IN STREETS

More than 100 bombs were dropped and the Pinghan-Lunghai railway station was demolished. The post office was set afire, and the Flowering Fence Hotel, which is still burning, and many bombs crashed in the main streets which were jammed with milling people.

At least 100 were injured and the wreckage still buries many bodies. This is the first time Chengchow has been bombed and the attack was coincident with my arrival. I was very lucky to have abandoned the China Travel Service hotel whose floors are cracked wide open. I ran from the station and hid in a peasant's hut of mud while the bombs crashed into the station building and the sky was filled with smoke and debris, which fluttered down everywhere."

The planes came over in four flights and the raid lasted about an hour or more.

Mr. James adds that he is trying to reach Hanchow but that traffic is at present held up.—*United Press*.

American Flag On Mission Roof

Chengchow, Feb. 14.
The American flag was painted on

Father Donovan Strangled By Kidnappers

Peking, Feb. 14.
Father Donovan's body is expected at the Peking Mission to-day.

He was kidnapped from the Mission on October 5 last year, and is believed to have died last week.

It is learned that the American Vice-Consul in Mukden identified the body at Huiakenshan, and reported that Father Donovan had apparently suffered most severe hardships. He appeared to have been strangled to death. There were no signs of gunshot wounds.—*United Press*.

The roof of the American Southern Baptist Mission hospital, a great 40-foot length of stars and stripes easily visible from the air, when the Japanese bombers came over yesterday and dropped missiles on the hospital.

Also the letters "USA" were painted in large letters on a shed and an American flag was flying from the flag-pole.—*United Press*.

Britain To Confer With Powers On Tokyo Note

Agitation-In France
For New Ships

U.S. Controversy Still Raging

London, Feb. 15.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, last night told the House of Commons that Great Britain would consult other naval powers with which she has treaty relations, concerning the Japanese note in reply to the request for information as to Tokyo's naval building plans.—*United Press*.

FRENCH AGITATION

Paris, Feb. 15.

La Republique to-day urges the immediate commencement of construction of two additional 35,000-ton battleships, two aircraft carriers of 22,000-tons, six cruisers of 8,000 tons.

It is noteworthy that programme coincides with the views of France's needs expressed by most naval men.

In addition experts are urging the strengthening of naval and air bases in the Mediterranean.—*United Press*.

OPPOSES NAVAL PROGRAMME

Washington, Feb. 14.

In the House Naval Affairs Committee to-day, Mr. Hamilton Fish opposed the proposed naval building programme, charging that the United States and not Japan or Britain had "blocked" naval conferences seeking to obviate building races in giant craft.

"Why can't we give Japan equality or parity with us unless we are aiming to do what I think we are trying (Continued on Page 4.)"

ITALIAN AIRPLANE MISSING

Rome, Feb. 14.

Military hydroplanes and Italian steamers are searching over a wide area for a Littoria Air Line hydroplane which has failed to report for more than 24 hours.

The plane is en route from Cadix to Oran, with ten passengers and a crew of four. The machine is piloted by Bruno Decula.—*United Press*.

TRAINED GUERILLAS REPORTED EQUIPPED WITH RUSSIAN ARMS

Hundreds of Thousands Now Preparing for Battle

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Feb. 15.

Sensational Chinese reports state that the Central Government is now organising ten new armies, with a total of 500,000 fighting men, equipped with Soviet weapons and trained in guerilla tactics.

In addition to this powerful force an additional 700,000 fighters, including some women, are training in Kwangsi and from their ranks already 300,000 newly-trained troops have been drawn for front line service.

It is also reported that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has despatched an additional 20,000 troops to Hobei.

VATICAN MAY BE ASKED TO INTERCEDE

Bombing Of Civilians In Spain

London, Feb. 14.

The bombing of civilians, both in connection with the present civil war in Spain and as a subject of general international agreement, was referred to in several answers to questions in the House of Commons by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, to-day.

In one answer Mr. Eden recalled his statement on February 2, in which he intimated that the subject of international agreement regarding bombing of civilian populations was being considered by competent departments with the express intention of re-opening the question with other Powers.

Asked whether he would give notice to the parties in Spain that Great Britain proposed to allow the importation into Spain of Anti-Aircraft guns and ammunition unless bombing behind the lines ceased, Mr. Eden said that Great Britain was bound by international undertaking, assumed as a signatory of the Non-Intervention Agreement, and added that he was not prepared at present to propose any modification of that Agreement.

He told the House in another reply that the Government had not approached the Vatican direct regarding a denunciation by His Holiness the Pope of the bombing of civilians in Spain by both sides, but they had informed the French Government they were prepared to associate themselves with such initiative as the French Government might decide to take in the matter, whether through the Vatican or other channels.—*British Wireless*.

Radioman Electrocuted In U.S. Warship

TRAGEDY MARS VOYAGE TO SINGAPORE

Singapore, Feb. 15.

It is announced that Radioman S. W. Bekkem was killed aboard the U.S.S. *Memphis* whilst the warship was en route from Australia to Singapore.

Bekkem lost his balance as the ship was rolling heavily and fell on some exposed wires, carrying high tension voltage to one of the ship's transmitters.—*United Press*.

An unconfirmed Japanese message states a strong Japanese column yesterday reached the north bank of the Yellow River, opposite a point between Chengchow and Kalfeng, and it is presumed it will soon attempt a crossing.

A crossing here, it is to be noted, would constitute the most serious menace yet discovered to the Lung-hai railway, which runs close to the Yellow River, and between Kalfeng and Chengchow.—*United Press*.

Moving Reserves South

Peking, Feb. 15.
Travellers from Taiyuan report a force estimated at 40,000 to 60,000 men moving south into Shanxi. They say the new highway from Shih-chia-chuang to Yutse is a solid line of the best equipped Japanese troops they have seen. The railway between Taiyuan and Shih-chia-chuang is loaded with war supplies, they add.—*United Press*.

At Taining's Gates

Shanghai, Feb. 15.
Chinese reports state that Chinese troops are at the gates of Taining (Continued on Page 4.)

STOP PRESS

H.K. Shipping Warned Of Bombardment

Seven river steamers which left Hongkong for Canton, Kongmoon and Wuchow this morning were boarded by Japanese when they arrived at the channel below and just out of range of the Bocca Tigris Forts.

A naval pinnace with a Japanese officer and sailors from one of the four Japanese destroyers lying in the vicinity, went to each ship in turn and warned the Master that they intended to bombard the forts and that merchant ships proceeded at their own risk.

This message was wireless to the authorities in Hongkong, including the Royal Navy.

Three of the ships, the *On Lee* bound for Kongmoon, the *Tung On* and the *Kwong Tung* going to Canton, and a number of lighters, decided to return to Hongkong and arrived back shortly before 2 p.m. The *Fat Shan* went on her way and apparently got through safely; and the *Ping Wo* bound for Canton and the *Chung On* bound for Wuchow also went on.

The ships from Canton for Hongkong are apparently keeping their schedule since the Taining wireless said that they would be in at 4 p.m. (Further Stop Press News on Page 11.)

FRILLS.. for the FORTIES

THERE are many sit-by-the-fire parties at this time of year, as well as invitations out to an evening of bridge or music.

Mother will do well not to leave the matter of a new frock any longer, as in a few weeks' time they will be in the throes of spring preparations.

To-day I am concentrating on frocks for the woman of forty and over, who in the plump side and wants to look slim and elegant.

In the first place, the slimming proportions of your figure depend on the style and trimming of the clothes you wear. It's not just a matter of choosing lines that go down, if one's figure is frankly outside.

☆☆☆

A designer will deliberately soften the lines of a frock with a well-placed frill or two, knowing that with an angular woman corners will thus be rounded, while the same draped effect will take inches off the fuller figure.

Fabrics, too, are a great factor in obtaining a slenderising effect. Non-patterned materials are the best; although small, carefully chosen designs are quite slim looking.

I have selected two special designs for the fuller figure. Both are easy-to-make slimming designs.

A good tip to remember is to have your hat to match your frock if you are wearing it under a coat. When you throw back or take off your wrap, the matching effect of hat and dress emphasises the lengthening line.

On the left, the model has a distinctly slenderising effect, as will be seen by the deep V in the skirt. Frilled cuffs and jabot give light relief to the dress and would look nice made in pastel georgette.

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Of course, if you like a little glitz, you could buy a lamé collar for this dress to give it a more glamorous note.

Shown on the right is a pattern cut with a straight pannelled skirt back and front. A particularly attractive collar with long revers is used to trim the bodice. This will make an excellent best frock, and you have a good choice of fabrics.

Velvet is luxurious-looking, but you have to be careful not to spot it. Maroon or soft, clinging crepe materials are a more practical proposition.

Lunch Menu for 6 people

Crab Cocktail
Mutton Cutlets
Creamed Potatoes Green Peas
Apricot-Rice.

COCKTAIL.—Mix together a tablespoonful each of salad oil, ketchup and Worcester sauce, a dessertspoonful of vinegar, a tablespoonful of chopped cucumber, and a dust of cayenne pepper and salt. Fill into six small glasses or plates with two or three pieces of tinned crab in each. Serve rolled brown and butter.

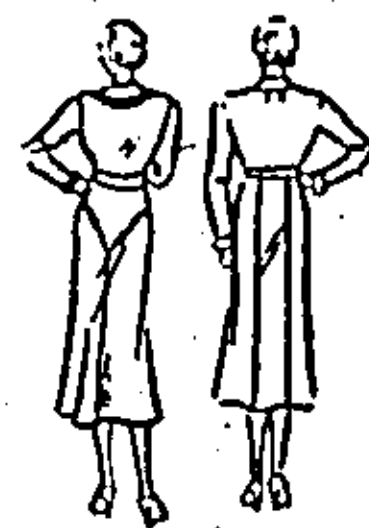
MEAT.—Divide two pounds of chined best end neck of mutton into cutlets, and bat out with a heavy knife. Pour about an ounce of oil, butter over, coat with breadcrumbs and fry till brown in two ounces of hot lard in a medium-sized saute pan. Arrange them overlapping on the potato down the centre of a dish with tinned peas at each side or all round. Pour gravy over made from trimmings of the meat fried, then simmered in cold water to cover.

SWEET.—Simmer four ounces of blanched rice in a pint of milk, two ounces of sugar, and a few drops of essence of lemon until it is tender and nearly all the milk absorbed. Mix in a beaten egg and put in a buttered border mould, cover with buttered paper and bake in a moderately hot oven for half an hour (Regulo mark No. 5). Turn out, and arrange apricots (warmed up) from a small tin, overlapping, round the top, and pour over the juice heated up, sweetened and flavoured with essence of lemon to taste, and thickened with a heaped teaspoonful of cornflour. Sprinkle with blanched chopped pistachio nut.



By
Mary
Grace

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slim fitting
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fabrics—tea-
time frocks for
mother.



Good Cooking

By Ambrose Heath

COD STEAKS

THESE can make an admirable light dish and, believe me, there are other ways than frying them. But if they must be fried, then fry serving them with fried onions and decorating them with lemon and gherkins.

GRILLED

Some people prefer this fashion to frying. Cut them an inch and a half thick, and first, if you like them more flavoured, let them lie in a mixture of olive oil, lemon juice, chopped parsley, thyme, pepper, and salt. But in any case, before you grill them, dip them in olive oil or melted butter, and grill them slowly on each side, basting with a little of the fat you use.

But do not season them until after they are grilled and serve them surrounded by a pat of anchovy or maitre d'hotel butter, the first being butter mixed with anchovy essence, and the second butter mixed with chopped parsley and lemon juice. Or serve a Tartare Sauce.

A LA BOULANGERE

This is how you get them in a very famous Paris restaurant. Take a large steak from the middle of the fish, put it into a shallow fireproof dish, surround it with quarter of raw potatoes and half-cooked button onions. Season with salt and pepper, dot all over with butter (or even if with melted butter), and bake it in the oven, basting it pretty often with more butter. When it is done, sprinkle it with chopped parsley, and serve in the same dish.

Wool Wisdom

"WEAR wool next the skin," exhorted our grandmothers; and wisely, because wool regulates body temperatures, guarding against overheating as well as chilling.

When choosing between two wools, rub the fibres between the fingers as experts do, and choose the softest. Strength is also important. Hold the wool lightly between finger and thumb and strum the tensioned length.

A good wool is elastic and should stand tight stretching while a strong wool will give quite a tuneful note. Many wools lose their elasticity because they have been too tightly wound. Always insert two fingers under the winding strand and this gives a firm but soft ball.

Avoid knots in your next jumper in this way. Splice the ends together by untwisting them about three inches and lay plys of the new wool inside the opened-out plys of the other. With a deft rub the ends are then fastened securely together.

Neck-lines and cuff-lines of knitted garments often sag untidily after their first washing. To keep them trim stitch a matching piece of ribbon round the insides and press with a warm iron.

M. L. B.

FOR THE RECIPE BOOK

HAN BAKE

Take a slice of gammon about ½ inch thick. Mix teaspoonful of made mustard with a tablespoonful of caster sugar, and rub well into the ham. Put into a covered fireproof dish with about ½ pint of milk, and cook in a slow oven (Regulo Mark 3) for 1¼ hours. Baste well with the milk. Serve with the sauce and baked tomatoes.

CHEESE COCCOTTES

Well grease 6 cocottes or ramekins. Melt 2oz. of butter until it oils, then add a teaspoonful of flour and blend well. Beat up 2 eggs with 2 tablespoonfuls of cream, add to the butter and flour, and stir over a very low heat. Add 3oz. of grated cheddar cheese, and stir again, but do not let it boil or the eggs will curdle. Season with cayenne, put into the cocottes and put in oven (Regulo Mark 7) to brown.

LEMON SOUFFLE

Makes a delicious party sweet. Imported eggs can be used. Wipe 5 lemons, and rub on them 6oz. of lump sugar until all the yellow part of the lemons is on the sugar. Heat 1pt. of milk to boiling point, strain on to 6 beaten egg yolks, then return to a double boiler with the sugar, and stir over a low heat until it thickens. Do not let it boil. Add 1oz. of melted gelatine and the juice of the lemons, and cool. When nearly cold fold in the very stiffly whipped egg whites. Put into a glass dish, and when cold decorate with a border of whipped cream.

Why No Babies

By A Young Husband

YOUNG married people of this age are subjected to a great deal of criticism by politicians, prominent members of the clergy, and others on their supposed apathy towards having a family and its consequent result on the strength of the nation.

As one of them, I venture to put forward that this slight on modern youth is too serious in its implications to remain unchallenged by its victims.

To begin with, are these worried gentlemen not greatly responsible? Nearly every speech made by a prominent man contains references to his personal opinions on the proximity of war. In most churches, sermons and prayers again bring home to us the depressing possibility of European conflagration.

Do these people, who take the question of war in its broadest sense—the safety or otherwise of the country as a whole—realise the very frightening and wholly personal insecurity this talk brings into a home where even the insecurity of one's job is a constant fear?

War Widows

To a young married couple with a child, barring the exceptional few, a large bank balance is an impossibility. What future is there for a young wife whose husband is killed in war?

The Great War showed that, and is still showing it. At best she can hope for a small pension and an insurance which is greatly reduced, barely enough to keep herself in greatly reduced circumstances—certainly not enough to feed, clothe, and educate one or two children to the standard that is their right.

Many must think as we do—that war is inevitable, even if it be 20 years off, and the boy we have brought into the world will be blown out of it in his prime, dying the widely-advertised "glorious death" that makes the words a sinful mockery.

What possible incentive can there be to create life which must be so brutally destroyed?

The People's Power

How is it possible that the people will permit another war? What power they hold! Without them war would cease to exist. Have they not yet been sufficiently educated to its horrors, its incredible stupidity?

Before long all this talk of impending evil, and the harrowing results of modern warfare abroad, will produce a state of neurosis that will lead to another age of unfortunate war babies, whose physical and mental disabilities will be the further target for remarks about a C3 nation.

Warily we wonder if we shall ever be permitted to settle down and live in the security of peace, with no fear of separation and sudden death, to rear our families in happiness and with the knowledge that they will have their chance.

Admittedly there are some irresponsible, insincere young people who prefer parties to parenthood, but they are definitely in the minority—and surely there have been similar cases in all generations?

In any case, they have a better excuse now than ever before—eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow you may be blown to bits. So they say.



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Stalin Calls for Defensive Mobilisation

AIMS TO STRENGTHEN RUSSIA'S TIES WITH WORLD'S PROLETARIAT

Only Covert Enemies Would Deny Dangers of Encirclement, Says Moscow's Blunt Dictator

Moscow, Feb. 14.

M. Josef Stalin, Russia's undisputed dictator, broke his long silence to-day with an important statement in the official newspaper *Pravda*, discussing the position of the Soviet Union both internally and in relation to other countries.

Stalin asserts that internally the bourgeoisie has been crushed and a socialist state established. Externally, the Soviet Union is still in danger of armed attack by capitalist countries and he urges that the international proletariat must be linked up with the Soviet people and that connections with the working classes of bourgeois countries be strengthened. They should be so organised, he says, as to give political assistance to Russia in the event of an armed attack upon the Soviet Union.

The Red Army and Air Force must be strengthened, Stalin goes on, and the whole people must be kept in a state of mobilisation for armed attack.

CAPITALIST ENCIRCLEMENT

Stalin contends it is ridiculous and stupid to close their eyes to the facts of capitalist encirclement and to think that their external enemies, for example the Fascists, would not try when the chance presented itself to attack the Soviet Union.

It would be useless and ridiculous to deny that on the slightest excuse for armed intervention, the interventionists would try to destroy the Soviet system in areas occupied by them, and to restore the bourgeois.

Only blockheads or covert enemies

who wished to camouflage their hostility by bragging, and who tried to demobilise the people, could deny the danger of armed intervention and attempts at a restoration while the capitalist encirclement existed.

ANOTHER HIGH ARMY OFFICER REMOVED

Moscow, Feb. 14. The removal of Major Alkanis, as chief of the Soviet Air Force, whose arrest was reported several weeks ago, was to-day confirmed by *Izvestia*. This newspaper does not mention him directly but gives the name of the new air force chief as General Lektionov, as being the pallbearers at the funeral of the victims of the wrecked dirigible which

Congress Passes New Farm Bill

Government Control Of Agriculture

Washington, Feb. 14.

The Senate has passed the Government's Farm Bill, which now only awaits President Roosevelt's signature before becoming law.

The new Bill is based on the existing Soil Conservation Act and establishes drastic control over the production and marketing of wheat, cotton, maize, tobacco and rice.

As the cost involved is estimated to exceed the \$500,000,000 available under the Soil Conservation programme, it is believed that an immediate result of the passage of the Act through Congress will be a drive towards revival of the old Agricultural Adjustment Administration and processing taxes, particularly on cotton and wheat.—*Reuter*.

ARMY OFFICERS MAY BE RETIRED

New York, Feb. 14. At least 250 officers of the U.S. Army are at present undergoing physical examination which will probably disqualify them for further field service, according to the New York Times.

It is believed the object of the examination is to replace aging officers with younger men and instructions have therefore been given by the Chief of Staff for speedy completion of the examination owing to the doubts felt concerning world affairs.—*Reuter*.

was making tests for a polar flight. Alkanis was one of the last two of General Voroshilov's five commissars of defence who survived the recent purge and he apparently enjoyed the Kremlin's favour until just before the elections of the first Soviet parliament in December. He was then removed from the list of registered candidates and replaced by another man.—*Reuter*.

"SYMBOL OF RESOLVE FOR PEACE"

King Speaks Of Singapore Base

London, Feb. 14.

"The construction of the Naval Base at Singapore is a symbol of the Empire's powerful resolve for peace, and has been marked by generous co-operation for the purpose of mutual defence."

This is part of a telegram sent by His Majesty the King to Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of Malaya.

His Majesty expressed appreciation of the sentiments conveyed to him in messages from the Governor, who assured His Majesty of the pride with which the people of Malaya had learnt of the association of their country with the King's name, and their abiding loyalty to the Throne.

His Majesty also sent best wishes to the many distinguished representatives present at the ceremony.—*Reuter*.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks

H.K. Banks, \$1,495 b.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £37½ b.
ex. div.
Chartered Banks, £12½ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £29 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.
East Asia Bank, \$82 n.

Insurances

Canton Ins., \$260 n.
Union Ins \$305 b.
China Underwriters, \$1,40 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$240 n.

Shipping

Douglas, \$60 b.
H.K. Steamboats, \$10½ sa.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.
Shell Bearer 91/3 n.
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 b.

Docks etc.

H.K. & Wharves, \$117½ b.
H.K. W. Docks, \$28¾ sa.
Providents (old), \$2.60 sa.
Providents (new), 65 cts. n.
New Engineering, Sh. \$5 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh.—
Kailan Mining Adm., 14/- n.
Raub, 37½ n.
Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.

Philippine Mining

Antamoks, P. 65 sa.
Aloks, P.—
Baguio Gold, P. 24 sa.
Benguet Consol., P. 9.00 sa.
Benguet Explor., —
Big Wedge, P.—
Coco Grove, P. 69 sa.
Consolidated Mines, P. 61½ sa.
Demonstrations, P. 44½ sa.
E. Mindanao, P.—
Gutierrez G'fields, P.—
Ipo Gold, P.—
I.X.L., P. 72 sa.
Hogons, P.—
Masbate Consols., P.—
Min. Resources, P.—
Northern Min., P.—
Paracale Consol., P. 28½ sa.
Salacot Mining, P.—
San Maurice, P. 76 sa.
Suyoc Consol., P. 22½ sa.
United Paracales, P. 37 sa.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$6.15 b.
H.K. Lands, \$57¾ sa.
H.K. Lands, 4½ Deter, \$100 n.
Shui Lands, Sh. \$6½ n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh.—
Humphries, 38¾ n.
H.K. Realities, \$5.25 sa.
Chinese Estates, \$80 n.
China Realities, Sh.—
China Dohent, —

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways, \$16.25 b.
Peak Trams (old), \$6½ b.
Peak Trams (new), \$3¾ sa.
Star Ferries \$83¾ n.
Yaumati Ferries (old), \$24¼ b.
China Light (old), \$10.00 n.
China Light (new), \$7.45 b.
H.K. Electric, \$58¼ b.
Macao Electric, \$19½ sa.
Sandakan Lights, \$14½ n.
Telephone (old), \$20.00 b.
Telephone (new), \$9 n.
China Buses, Sh.—
Singapore Traction, 22/6 n.
Singapore Prof., 23/- n.

Industrials

Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$14¾ n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$15 n.
Canton Ices, \$1.70 n.
Cement, \$13.00 b. and sa.
H.K. Ropes, \$4.50 n.

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farm \$25.10 b.
Watsons, \$5.40 sa.
Lane Crawford, \$7 n.
Sincere, \$1.75 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$30 n.
William Powell, Ltd. 65 cts. sa.

Cotton Mills

Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$10¼ n.
Shui Cotton (old), Sh. \$37 n.
Zhong Sing, Sh.—
Wing On Textiles, Sh.—

Miscellaneous

H.K. Entertainment, \$6.25 n.
Constructions, \$1¼ b.
Vibro Piling, \$8 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSDs. 65¼ n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 1½ p.m. n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan par n.
Wallace Harpers, 23½ p.
Marsden Ins. (Lon.), 8/- 10/- n.
Marsden Ins. (H.K.), 8/- 8/- b.

Hankow Has First Night Raid Alarm

BUT RAIDERS FAIL TO APPEAR

Hankow, Feb. 14.

Hankow had its first night air raid scare since September last night when the alarm was sounded at 8.45 p.m.

The populace raced through the moonlit streets for dugouts and other places of refuge.

There was a complete blackout for ten minutes, but the city was silhouetted clearly in the bright full moonlight, while the muddy Yangtze River shone like silver and was visible from the roof-tops for miles. No raiders appeared however, and the "All Clear" was given at 9.50 p.m.

With the advent of full moon, Hankow is fully prepared for night visits by planes during the rest of this month.—*Reuter*.

INDIA RAILWAYS SHOW PROFITS

New Delhi, Feb. 15.

Estimates for the national railways of India will be submitted to both houses of the Legislature of India shortly.

The revised estimate for 1937-38 shows a surplus of ₹2,000,000, while the estimates for 1938-39 will be slightly less than that amount. The surpluses will be transferred to the central revenue of the country.—*Reuter*.

Ambassador Finds Chinese Abroad United In Policy

London, Feb. 14.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, gave a luncheon to all delegates from the various Chinese committees in Europe who attended the I.P.C. conference.

The company included representatives of the different political parties. Dr. Wellington Koo and Mr. Li Yu-ying (member of the Central Supervisory Committee of the Kuomintang) were among those present.

After the luncheon views were exchanged on the situation and it was found that general agreement existed, thus demonstrating the unity among all sections of the Chinese community abroad.—*Reuter*.



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- R2307. I Don't Like Her Circle of Friends. Marriage Will Not Take Place. Take Me Somewhere Love Is Brutal. Remember The Cyclists.
- R2138. I'd Rather Be A Savage. I Couldn't Make Love To The Girl of To-day.
- R2003. Chinese Nights. I'm Terribly Terribly British.
- R1901. My Intentions Were Absolutely Pure. Ten Little Houses.
- R2203. I'd Give Everything I've Got. Good Morning Mr. Barlow.
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EXCHANGE RATES

	Feb. 10.	Feb. 14.
Paris	152.15/32	152.3/32
Geneva	21.50%	21.61
Berlin	12.41%	12.42%
Athens	547%	547%
Milan	95%	95%
Oslo	19.00	19.10
Copenhagen	22.42	22.42
Stockholm	10.40	10.40
Helsingfors	228%	228%
Shanghai	1/2%	1/2%
New York	5.00%	5.02%
Vienna	28%	28%
Amsterdam	8.97	8.98%
Prague	142%	142%
Madrid	108%	108%
Lisbon	110%	110%
Hongkong	1/3%	1/3%
Bombay	1/6%	1/6%
Montreal	5.01%	5.02%
Brussels	20.55%	20.55%
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	216	216
Bucharest	677%	677%
Montevideo	21%	21%
Rio de Janeiro	2/37/32	2/37/32
Silver (spot)	20%	20%
Silver (forward)	19 1/4	19 1/4
War Loan	103%	103%

—British Wireless.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

	Business Done	Prices in Pesos
Antamok	14	20
Atok	20	20
Baguio Gold	24	24
Berquest Consolidated	9.50	9.50
Coco Grove	9.50	9.50
Consolidated Mines	9.50	9.50
Demonstration	25	25
E.A.S.	25	25
Paracale Guinea	25	25
San Mateo	25	25
Silver	25	25
United Paracale	25	25

The tone of the market—Slightly Easier.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Christoffel Daniel Hermannus Bottler, Chief Steward of s.s. Tjisadane, and Miss Helena Barten, of No. 307 Rue Bourget, Shanghai; Mr. Norman Kemp Littlejohn, civil engineer, of 3 Eo Shan Road, and Miss Jean Houston Dalziel, residing at "The Seven Sisters," Royal Point; Mr. Kirill Alexander Kaluzhny, of the Hongkong Hotel, and Miss Maria Alexandrovna Taras; Mr. Hugh Stewart McKay, electrical engineer of No. 6 Causeway Hill, and Miss Williamina Miller, nurse, of Halcro, Wick, Scotland.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R. HONG HONG EVENING INSTITUTE

The Institute will re-open on Monday, 28th February, 1938. Copies of Prospectus and Entry Forms may be obtained at the Education Office, New Fire Station Building, or at the Trade School, Wantan.

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LOCAL EXAMINATIONS, HONG KONG CENTRE.

The following are the dates of the forthcoming Examinations:—PRACTICAL (Vocal and Instrumental Music) early May, 1938.

Last day of entry 26th February, 1938.

THEORETICAL (Paper Work) 11th June, 1938. Last day of entry 5th March, 1938.

Regulations, Official List of Places and Studies, Entrance Forms and Information on Application to the Local Secretary, J. E. ANDERSON, c/o The Anderson Music Co. Ltd., St. George's Building, Ice House Street.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th February, 1938, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 14th February to Saturday, the 26th February, 1938, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1938.

CHINA ORGANISING VAST NEW FIGHTING FORCE

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and that they actually hold the north gate of the city, following heavy fighting, which is continuing.—United Press.

China Command Worried

Shanghai, Feb. 15. Alarmed by the gravity of the threat to the Wuhan railway, Chinese military leaders held an important conference at Hankow last night to discuss measures to cope with the situation.

The conference is reported to have decided to make every effort possible to hold Sinsiang, Chengchow and Kaifeng.

Foreign observers believe the Japanese may be held off from Chengchow and Kaifeng for a while yet, but predict the early fall of Sinsiang.

The Japanese are making extensive reconnaissance flights over the Lung-hai and Peiping-Hankow railway zones.

Sinsiang was attacked from the air yesterday, but only a few bombs were dropped and there was not much damage done.

Meanwhile a fierce engagement is proceeding, in which both sides have suffered heavy losses, in the vicinity of Wenshang, 30 miles north of Sinsiang. The Chinese claim to have entered Wenshang but this is flatly denied by the Japanese who assert the Chinese were put to flight and bombed as they retreated.

In the course of raids on various parts of China yesterday Japanese planes bombed Shuangshing, famous wine-making centre near Hangchow.—Reuter.

Enormous Losses

Peiping, Feb. 15. The Japanese offensive below Changchun in Honan Province is continuing successfully and the Japanese appear to be preparing to launch another offensive into Shanxi Province, according to semi-official reports reaching here.

In the course of five days' fighting the Japanese advanced 40 miles from Changchun to points south of Chihhsien.

The Japanese, however, are reported to have faced only the worst of China's fighting men up to now, those who belong to General Sung Chue-yuan, who were ousted from the Peiping area, and former Manchurian troops.

The casualties on both sides have been heavy, but the Japanese claim to have slain nearly 10,000 Chinese in five days.—Reuter.

Preparing to Attack

Shanghai, Feb. 15. Chinese reports state that there are signs of an imminent Japanese drive into Shanxi from Linfeng. Japanese reinforcements are moving south from Taiyuan and 40 planes have been concentrated at Taiyuan.—United Press.

BRITAIN TO CONFER WITH POWERS ON TOKYO NOTE

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to do—and that is police the world," declared Mr. Fish.

He said Japan had repeatedly incited her willings to abolish battleships and aircraft carriers because they are offensive weapons, but the United States had refused to conform. Mr. Fish charged the U.S. Government was already leading the naval race. And he attacked Senator Key Pittman for leading the country on the direct road to war.

MORE SHIPS NOT NEEDED

Mr. Fish said Admiral William Leahy's testimony had convinced him that a bigger Navy was not needed. He drew attention to the fact that Admiral Leahy had said that Japan, in order to attack the United States successfully, would require a navy twice or three times bigger than America's. "I challenge any admiral to say that Japan could land 50,000 troops on our shores. And I know enough about war to say that such an army would not last thirty days. All I want is to isolate America from foreign war and have a navy to defend us from attack."

He also attacked resolutions introduced to-day calling for a disarmament parity, to be sponsored by President Roosevelt. But Senator Pittman said: "Any such stand would weaken the effect of the Government's firm stand for the protection of our rights in China."

Mr. Frank Little, 20, Social Union chairman of the National Council of Methodists, told the committee he did not believe in defending the country and added that members of his organization would not bear arms in any war.—United Press.

SUDDEN CALL TO SEA

San Diego, Feb. 14. For the second time in a fortnight, sudden manoeuvres have been held off the coast of California and several light cruisers, three aircraft carriers, eight submarines and 52 destroyers, accompanied by nearly 40 patrol bombers, to a secret rendezvous off the coast.—United Press.

SINGAPORE TO MANILA

Washington, Feb. 14. The Navy Department announces the cruisers visiting Singapore will leave there about February 21 and arrive in Manila about February 27 to undergo a routine overhaul. They will leave March 17 for Guam, depart from that island on March 23 and reach Pearl Harbor about April 1. It is not announced when they will leave the Hawaiian base.—United Press.

CARRIED FORGED NOTES

Prisoner's Stories Fail To Convince Sessions Jury

Found guilty before the Pulse Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Sessions this morning, on a charge of possession of forged Bank of China notes, Lee Wai-keong was sentenced to four years with hard labour.

Mr. J. Abbott, assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and the following comprised the Jury: Messrs. W. T. Yoxall (Foreman), A. L. G. Eastman, Yau Hing-kwai, Thong Fuen-chiu, R. Nazarin, M. Kunhiro and Paul Bragg.

Mr. Abbott said that on January 18 a party of revenue officers, including C.R.O.88 Yuan Chan and C.R.O.108 Wong Shiu were on duty at the Tung On Wharf. About 5 p.m. the Sal On berthed, and Lee was searched by Yuan who found nothing on him.

Nothing was found in his luggage, but on opening a tin of biscuits with a screw driver, the revenue officer noticed that the inner lid had been previously opened, and a piece of brown paper pasted over the gap.

As Yuan was about to take the biscuits out of the tin Lee was alleged to have said: "Will you give me money for tea?" He then took several bank notes from his pocket. Yuan refused them.

In the tin were found 150 bank notes wrapped in brown paper. These were put back into the tin and the revenue officer was putting the biscuits back after finding the notes, Lee tried to grab the tin, cutting his right thumb on the lid.

DENIED OWNERSHIP

At the station Lee denied that the tins of biscuits were his, and that he had offered the revenue officer any money.

Mok Man-lan, cashier of the Bank of China, then gave evidence in which he said that the 150 Bank of China five yuan notes were all forged ones.

Evidence was then given by C.R.O. 88 Yuan Chan, who said he was sure Lee was carrying the tins of biscuits when he came off the boat, and that just as he was about to take the biscuits out of the tin Lee offered him some money for tea, at the same time taking some notes from his pocket.

When the search was made there were not many passengers about, and there was no other luggage other than his on the table.

Corroborative evidence was given by C.R.O. 11 Wong Shiu who was present at the time of the search.

Lance Sergeant Sulter testified that when Lee was taken to the Police Station he had a fresh cut which was still bleeding slightly on his right hand, and \$20.20 in Chinese bank notes were found in his outside overcoat pocket.

PRISONER SPEAKS

Prisoner then elected to give evidence in the box, in which he said he was native of Swatow and went to Canton from the country to take his younger sister's son back to the country. Arriving in Canton he found that the boy had already been taken back, he then took the boat to Hongkong. He was searched by a revenue officer not the court, and later by "Yuan" who found nothing on him to incriminate him.

At the time of the search his luggage was put on a large table on which there were a large number of articles, including two biscuit tins near his suitcase, which the revenue officer insisted were his property. These tins were opened and later one was found to contain forged banknotes.

"I was about to leave when he stopped me and used his screwdriver to strike me on the thumb," Lee said.

Questioning Lee, Mr. Abbott said that he had heard the revenue officer give evidence saying that he had cut his thumb on the biscuit tin, yet nothing had been said about the revenue officer striking him on the thumb until now.

Without retiring, the Jury returned a verdict of guilty.

CANADA BACKS CONCILIATION

Ottawa, Feb. 14.

Canada's attitude towards the Sino-Japanese conflict has been defined by the Premier, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, in a reply to questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Mackenzie King said that Canada intended to maintain strict neutrality and would contribute in collaboration with other Governments, as the opportunity afforded, to movements designed to restore peace in the Far East through methods of conciliation.—Reuter.

GUNBOAT PASSES RIVER BOOM

The first ship to leave the Pearl River when the boom was lifted this morning, H.M.S. Tarantula arrived in Hongkong bringing the officer commanding the West River Flotilla, Capt. A. E. M. B. Cunningham-Graham, who is calling on H. E. Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble.

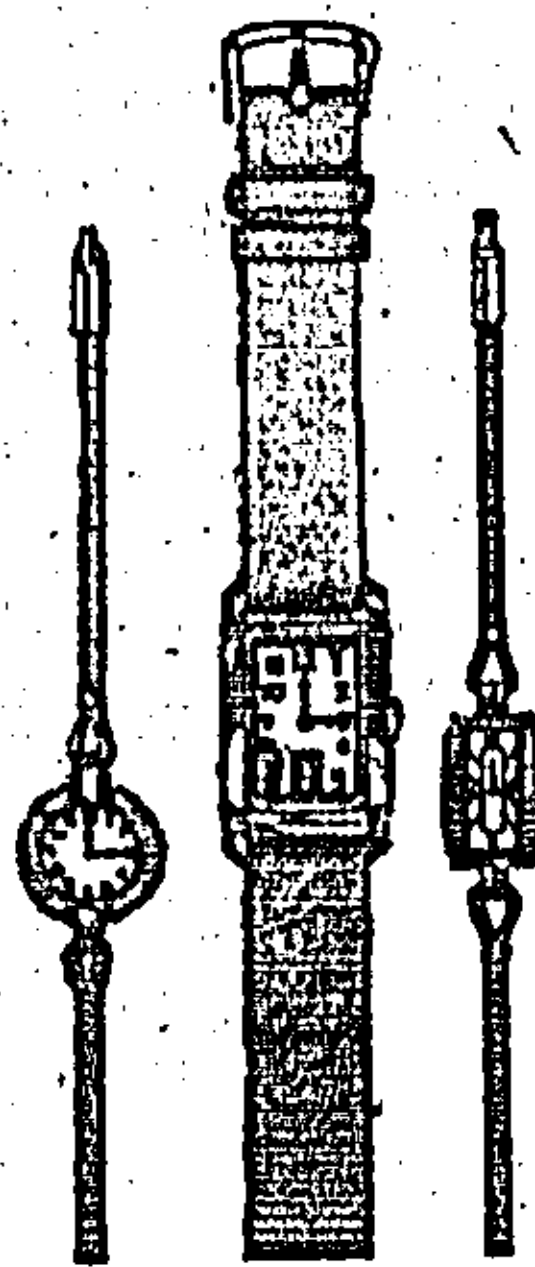
RUMANIAN CABINET STAYING IN POSTS

Bucharest, Feb. 15.

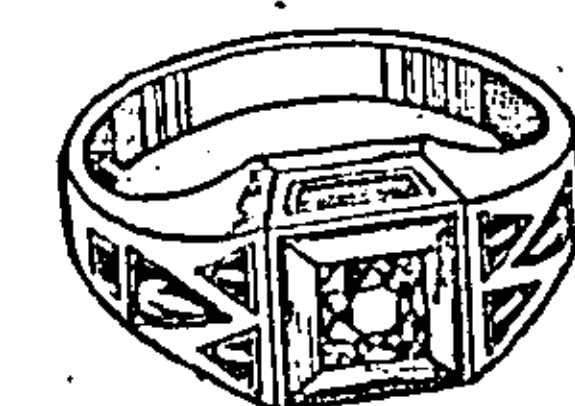
It is officially denied that the Cabinet contemplated resignation or even changes under King Carol's planned constitutional reforms.

It was reported earlier that the King had planned to form an Inner Cabinet Council to act in an advisory capacity.—United Press.

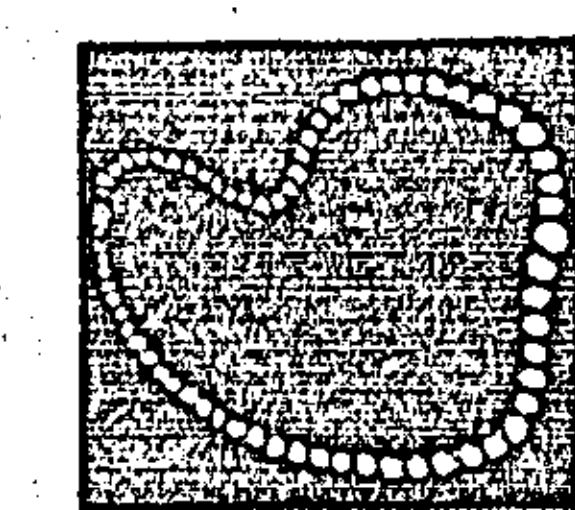
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GANDHI CHOSEN AS PEACE PRIZE CANDIDATE AGAIN

Oslo, Feb. 14.

An organisation known as the Friends of India states that Mahatma Gandhi will be proposed as a candidate for this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

The Mahatma has been nominated previously for the prize.—Reuter.

PORTRAIT PAINTER'S £141,096 ESTATE

London, Feb. 14.

Philip Laszlo, the well known portrait painter who died last November, left estate valued at £141,096.—British Wireless.

CAUGHT WITH LOTTERY TICKETS

A fine of \$12 was inflicted on Chan Kam, 24, married woman, when she appeared before Mr. J. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the possession of 234 pe-pu lottery tickets at the Wing Lok Street Wharf yesterday.

SUFFOLK DUE BACK

H.M.S. Suffolk is due at noon tomorrow from Weihaiwei where she has been on duty for the past three weeks.

MAN HELD FOR ASSAULT

A 20-year-old stall fold, Ng Hon-wai, was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday with a wound on the forehead, allegedly caused by a man who struck him with an iron bar. The suspected assailant, Chan Tang, 24, appeared before Mr. J. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with assault and was remanded until to-morrow. Inspector A. V. Baker prosecuted.

'QUAKE IN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Feb. 14.

An earthquake of four or five seconds' duration, centred at Inglewood, is reported, but without accompanying damage.—United Press.

FRACTURED LEG IN FALL

A fractured right leg was suffered by Lam Sik-keung, 22, while at work at the Socony Oil Installation at Lai-chuk yesterday. He apparently fell off a gang plank. Lam was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

ADDITIONAL DIVIDEND

At a board meeting held this morning, the directors of the H.K. Land Investment and Agency Company recommended a final dividend of \$1 per share, making a total of \$2 per share for the year 1937.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILES

From	Per	Due
Saigon	Aramis	February 16.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	February 16.
Air Mail by Pan American Airways		
Direct Service—San Francisco date	Pan-American Airways Plane	February 16.
6th February.		
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	Luchow	February 16.
Australia and Manila	Atsuta Maru	February 17.
Haliphong	Canton	February 17.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 20th January and London Parcels—London date, 13th January.	Kalsar-Hind	February 17.
Calcutta and Straits	Kutsang	February 17.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels	Menestheus	February 17.
—London date, 6th January.		
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Doumer	February 17.
Japan	Titan	February 17.
Amoy	Yochow	February 17.
Straits	Bangalore	February 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Carthage	February 18.

OUTWARD MAILES

For	Per	Date and Time
Tuesday		
Straits and Calcutta	Mausang	Tues. Feb. 15, 10 p.m.
	Parcels	Feb. 15, 4 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kwelin, C.N.A.C. Plane		Feb. 15.
Kweliang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service."		
	Reg.	Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Wednesday		
*Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Holhow	Wed. Feb. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan	Wed. Feb. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed. Feb. 16, 9 a.m.
Air Mail—Siam—Lanchow and Eurasia Plane		Wed. Feb. 16.
Cherutu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (to further points by surface transport as Services permit).		
Shanghai and *Japan	Aramis	Wed. Feb. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Hono-pan-American Airways Plane		Thurs. Feb. 17.
India, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 24th Feb.		
	K. P. O.	Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 17, 6 a.m.
Samahul and Wuchow	Kongning	Thurs. Feb. 17, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Sulyang	Thurs. Feb. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Tai Lee	Thurs. Feb. 17, 11 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haliphong	Szechuen	Thurs. Feb. 17, 1 p.m.
Straits	Cremat	Thurs. Feb. 17, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Change	Thurs. Feb. 17.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday, 1st March	Parcels	Feb. 17, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Feb. 17, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and President Doumer		Thurs. Feb. 17.
South Africa, Egypt and Europe	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Feb. 17, 4.15 p.m.
via Marseilles—due Marseilles 16th March	Reg.	Feb. 17, 5.00 p.m.
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Japan	Atsuta Maru	Thurs. Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Friday		
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Shanghai and Japan	Kalsar-Hind	Fri. Feb. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hai Tan	Fri. Feb. 18, 8 a.m.
Japan	Kutsang	Fri. Feb. 18, 9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Europe		Fri. Feb. 18.
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STARVATION FACES REFUGEES

FOOD IN NANKING ZONE NEARS EXHAUSTION

Hankow, Feb. 14.

A Chinese official source discloses that 150,000 refugees inside the refugee zone in Nanking and under the care of the International Relief Committee are facing starvation.

Foodstuff will be exhausted within a couple of days, and the Japanese authorities have refused permission for the transport of further supplies to Nanking.

All attempts to secure food supplies in Nanking, Shanghai and elsewhere for these refugees have failed.

The sale or delivery of rice inside the zone is forbidden by the Japanese. The Chinese authorities hope that the situation will receive the attention of the outside world.

Most of the refugees inside the zone are homeless, for their homes were razed to the ground with the Japanese entry into Nanking.—United Press.

Mr. H. C. Pratt Passes Away

Served in Navy and Army During War

The death occurred at the Queen Mary Hospital last night of Mr. Horace Charles Pratt, 47-year-old warder of Stanley Prison, who had been a patient for several days with cardiac trouble.

Mr. Pratt was recently bereaved of his daughter who died of small-pox in Shanghai. A son, employed in the Post Office, is on his way back from home leave.

Much sympathy will be felt for the widow at this second loss within a short time.

The late Mr. Pratt served throughout the War both in the Army and the Navy. He joined the warder staff in 1921 and held a senior position.

The funeral will be held this afternoon, the cortege assembling at the bottom of Stubbs Road at 5 p.m.

BAL MASQUE AT GERMAN CLUB

On Saturday, February 26 at 9.30 p.m. the German Club will have its annual bal masque, to which members have already invited numerous friends.

This year the bal masque has been given the name "The Road of Silk" which is the name Sven Hedlin gave to the ancient caravan route upon which merchants used to send silk from China to Europe. The decoration in the club has been carried out accordingly, and much success is anticipated.

As usual, the most original costume will win a prize, and this year two prizes having been decided upon, one each for ladies and gentlemen.

EARL OF WARWICK GIVEN DIVORCE

London, Feb. 14.

The Earl of Warwick has been granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court here, with the custody of a son born in 1934.

He petitioned on the ground of misconduct on the part of the Countess in Los Angeles in 1936, and named Roger Bailey co-respondent. The petition was not defended.—Reuter.

INSURGENTS GAINING GROUND

Loyalists Admit Losses

London, Feb. 14.

Heavy fighting is taking place in the southern section of the Spanish war front.

The Government admits that the insurgents have made certain gains. On other fronts there is little activity.—Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

BUYERS MAINTAIN CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE

London, Feb. 14.

With buyers still maintaining a cautious attitude on the London Stock Exchange to-day, business was again small, the majority of the movements being towards lower levels.

Home railways weakened on reports that employees will shortly submit fresh wage demands. Internationals and Oils firmly held their levels on Continental inquiries.

Commodities were featureless. In foreign exchanges the American dollar eased on selling from New York, due to inflationary fears.—Reuter's Special.

MAN'S DEADLIEST ENEMY

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small weevils pursue their way of destruction, and it is calculated that they destroy cotton in the U.S.A. to the sum of £8,000,000 annually. No certain enemy has yet been discovered for their complete destruction, although vast sums of money have been spent in trying to find a remedy, and trying to produce a cotton plant which will resist attack.

In Ceylon alone, during the year 1934, 214,224 deaths occurred from malaria, and this does not include thousands who died of starvation and want, owing to there being no one to cultivate the land. All these deaths are due to the tiny anopheles mosquito, as malaria is caused entirely by the bite of this insect.

The vast ruined cities of Ceylon, and the huge artificial lakes, known as tanks, which once irrigated large tracts of land and supported a great population, are all derelict and now buried in the jungle, their inhabitants entirely wiped out. All this destruction is believed to have been caused by malaria or by the anopheles mosquito.

HOUSE-FLIES' CRIMES

Then think of the ubiquitous house fly, the carrier of many diseases, such as dysentery, typhus and tuberculosis, which slays thousands of children annually in all the slums of the great cities of the world.

Man is the highest form of creation, but when one considers the power of the insect world, he is not so marvellous in spite of his wonderful inventions. If a man could jump as high as a flea, he could clear St. Paul's Cathedral in a single bound. If he could, in comparison to his stature, construct buildings as high as the ants construct their nest in Africa (many of these nests rising as high as 20 feet), the sky scrapers in New York would be dwarfed in comparison with the mighty erections he would build. If he could multiply as fast as the insects, there would not be standing room in the world in a few years!

Joyce Kingdon.

SEVERE PAINS IN THE STOMACH

Everyone who has endured the torment of stomach pains will sympathise with Mr. Pittcock. Many who still suffer with stomach trouble can benefit from his experience. If you neglect nature's warning you may be faced with serious danger. If you do as Mr. Pittcock did—as tens of thousands of stomach sufferers have done—then you have no need to fear.

Mr. Pittcock writes: "I was suffering agony with pains in the stomach, wind round the heart and loss of appetite. I tried medicines, tablets and various other remedies, but seemed to get worse instead of better."

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AUSTRIAN DOCTOR HELD BY CHINESE

Hankow, Feb. 14.

Dr. Kobe, an Austrian subject who was arrested last October for alleged espionage, is being held at Wuchang.

It is alleged that the Chinese authorities have conclusive proof that Dr. Kobe was engaged in espionage, and was transmitting wireless signals, believed to be Japanese aircraft during air raids.

Dr. Kobe is allowed to leave his prison daily to treat the wounded at a nearby military hospital.—United Press.



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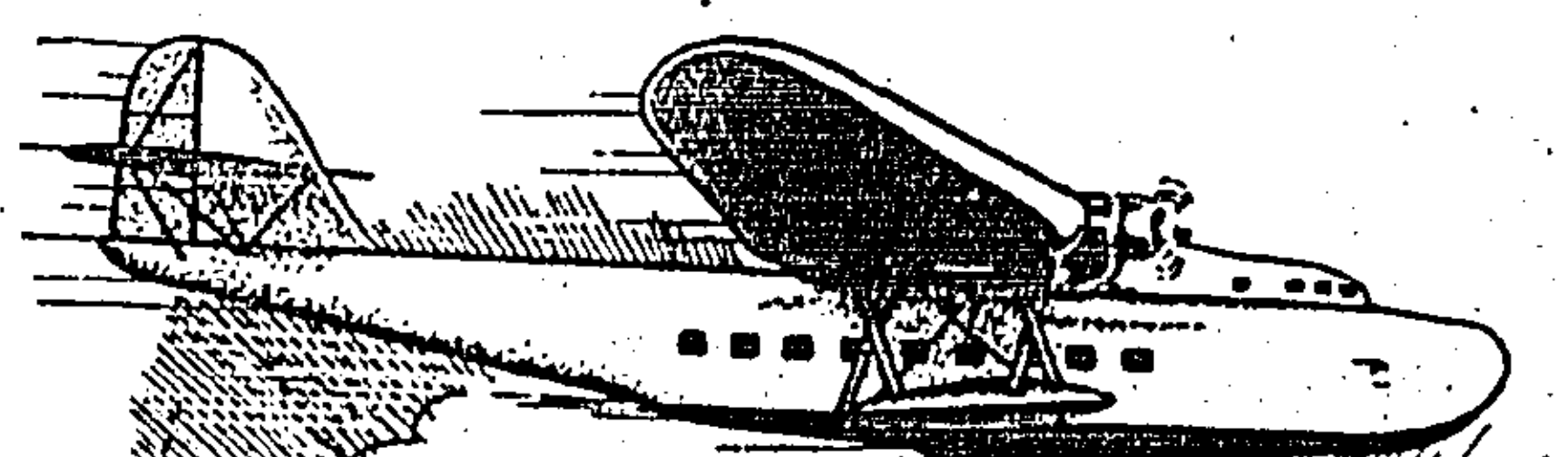
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IN MEMORIAM

ABBAS.—A. H. Abbas who passed away on 14th February, 1937. The blow was great, the shock severe. We little thought his death so near. Only those that have lost can tell the sorrow of parting without farewell. Inserted by his wife and children.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1938.

ASSET WORTH PRESERVING

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto proposes to ask at to-day's meeting of the Urban Council certain pertinent questions relating to the destruction of Hongkong's all-too-scanty woodland. It is impossible to apply to our dwarfed little trees so distinguished a term as forest or timberland, and the hearts of poets are not so apt to bleed when they observe coolies, with or without permission, hewing away the branches and gashing the trunks. But these small trees are just as important to Hongkong as any towering pine or fir or cedar to lands fortunate enough to possess them. The necessity of preserving these trees has been stressed too often to require repetition or explanation here. Suffice it to say that they are very necessary for the maintenance of adequate water supplies and preventing soil erosion.

But to go back to Dr. Basto's questions, which indicate the proper civic spirit and his practical interest in the welfare of the community, it is only fair to point out that the present Director of the Botanical and Forestry Department arrived in Hongkong only recently, and in the very midst of the epidemic of timber-thieving. It is to be hoped that he will be given an opportunity to explain to Dr. Basto precisely what steps the authorities are taking to end the destruction of Hongkong's woodland. The recent absence of prosecutions of timber thieves does not necessarily mean that their depredations have ceased or that they have even diminished to any extent. It may be that they are merely more cautious. It is very certain that they have not abandoned their raids entirely.

It is the custom here to lease certain large timbered areas in the New Territories to

The STARS still take the ROAD To RENO

THE heavy scent of roses sprayed on me as Jeanette MacDonald walked down the aisle of the Wilshire Methodist Church in Hollywood on her way to meet Gene Raymond at the altar.

Behind me two women whispered as she passed, "Wonder if it'll last." They waited to see whether Gene kissed her. He did. "Ah!" they gasped, and I knew they felt it would last. It was just as it happens on the screen—all of it: the colour, the scent, the music, the smiling bride, the flushed bridegroom, the church richly garnished with flowers.

Hollywood loves a big wedding. It is so like the last delicious reel of those screen romances it turns out of its huge film factories.

65 Per Cent. Fail

THAT'S the trouble. So many of the Hollywood stars fall under the spell of their own screen magic; go into married life with the feeling that it is all mapped out just as though it were in a film script. When they find it isn't, they weep, or buy tickets for Reno.

I estimate that not less than 65 per cent. of the marriages which unite actor and actress fail dismally. Among actresses marrying film directors or producers, about 30 per cent. fail to stay married, while those actors and actresses who marry completely outside of films present Hollywood with less than 20 per cent. of its total divorce headlines.

The reason? Habit. The habit of making believe. If you were asked every day to give vent to emotions you couldn't really feel, don't you think you might soon begin to confuse reality and unreality?

And this is where the Hollywood "gossips" come in to prey on the overwrought imagination of married stars.

Ginger Rogers told me how happy she and Lew Ayres were when they first married. She wore green and the gossips loudly declared—while the service in the Little Church of the Flowers was still in progress—"unlucky to wear green . . . they'll never get on."

Whether Ginger and Lew heard them or not, it was not long before Hollywood broke down their romance.

Smart Parties

"LEW decided to have a shot at film direction, which meant his beginning all over again, while I happened to be doing specially well," Ginger told me.

"I had to give more time to the studios than Lew cared for, but then again he hated invitations to smart parties reaching him through me as a kind of Ginger Rogers escort you know. He didn't want to feel he was becoming known as Mr. Ginger Rogers. Who can blame him or any man?"

The significance and pathos of her story are underlined by the fact that no divorce has followed their parting, and when Ginger built her new home on Beverly Crest, Lew built his on a mountain which could overlook it. And in his bachelor suite is a wall which can be mechanically removed to make it into a double apartment just any time it might be wanted.

His Dollar Tip

BETTE DAVIS and her husband saw so many Hollywood marriages ruined by gossips that they resolved never to permit their Pressman, told me one day that marriage couldn't

wood-cutters from time to time, and from this source the Colony obtains considerable revenue. But it is not the practice of the wood-cutters to re-plant the areas which they are denuding, and it is suggested that an arrangement should be made with the contractors to carry out re-afforestation and that they should be instructed to protect the small new growth which has no market value.

It would be good business on the Government's part to encourage as far as possible the planting of seeds on all unproductive land, and along property boundaries and highways. People who enjoy rambling over the hills and into out-of-the-way corners would probably be only too pleased to assist in such work. Farmers and owners of cattle should be warned that grass fires may kill new tree growth and should be carefully guarded. It is certain that an enlightened public will do everything possible to assist in the preservation of Hongkong's trees, which, after all, are public property.

By

Walter Wyndham

professional lives to converge. While Bette was making £500 a week at the Warner studios, her husband Harmon Nelson was taking £40 a week as a solo pianist and crooner in a modest saloon on Hollywood Boulevard.

One night I was with Nelson when a rich customer sent him a dollar tip for singing! Who'd tip a famous film star's husband if he knew it? Fact is, the customer didn't know it.



Two of the latest pictures of (above) BETTE DAVIS, who is "not going to allow gossip to ruin our home," and (left) GINGER ROGERS—"no divorce has followed the parting between her and Lew Ayres."

Bette never appeared at that saloon. Nelson never visited her at the studio. Both declined to talk about their married life to anyone and Bette, by a clause in her contract, forbade any mention of her real life romance in her film publicity.

"Three months after we married," she told me, "a gossip merchant came to see me and asked point blank whether I didn't think we could whip up a story of threatened divorce."

"I told him we didn't intend to read a scenario based on our private lives, and we were not going to allow either professional gossip or professional jealousy to ruin our home."

When Franchot-Tone was filming "Dangerous" with Bette Davis, he happened to be planning his marriage to Joan Crawford. He asked Bette what to do to beat the Hollywood gossips.

"Shall we get married secretly?" he asked. Bette's advice was "Yes, if you can, and in any case never discuss your marriage or the marriage relationship with anyone." Neither Franchot nor Joan ever do so.

Some big Hollywood stars are frankly scared of marriage, not because they do not know their own hearts, but because they do know Hollywood with its pernicious tongue-waggers and its fearful jealousies.

Barbara Stanwyck has hesitated because of it. Clark Gable said to me: "A man cannot be himself and live the life of a film star at the same time."

Claudette Colbert, married to Doctor Joel

THE "VERY IDEA"

NICKEL GET YOU IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT

By Ed. Kelly, "Buck"

CIRCULATION of subsidiary coins in Hongkong has increased by nearly \$500,000 since last September.

Our interest in this increase in currency is purely literary.

It is estimated that if the coins were placed end on end along Des Voeux Road, three Scotsmen and about a thousand coolies would be killed in the riots. It would serve them riot.

It is also estimated that if the Treasury were to stack all the ten-cent coins one on top of each other on the cricket club ground, the Treasury would display a deplorable lack of cents.

The new coinage is said to be proof against counterfeiters.

This proves that prosperity is not around the corner.

Only one crude case of counterfeiting has been detected since the coins were issued.

The man will doubtless receive a stiff sentence, which will teach him not to metal with nickel in future.

Telephone officials in Hongkong do not like the new coins because they won't go into the slot machines. So they have to spend slots of money buying new slots.

However, they should be pleased with the new currency, because thousands of counterfeit cupronickel coins were put into their slot machines.

This was definitely phoney money.

A ten-cent coin is the most valuable issued in Hongkong. For it you can buy a round of drinks in the hotels, and the "boys" will even ask for your autograph.

We are now coin down to the Gloucester to test this statement.

As the coin says: "There may be a wave of prosperity, but bad dimes are sure to come again. Notes to you."

Don't forget that, although there is a silver lining to the clouds, you'll get your feet wet if we don't put our backs to the wheel and pull. A man on sterling salary must think of the expense and the lbs. will take care of themselves.

be kept sweet on the lines of the everyday-film story.

"That's why it's safest and best if only one is in films, and the other in something else," she said. "Conversation at home then gets away from the fictions of the movies, at least once in a while."

Claudette seems, in fact, to have summed up the situation. It is the art of taking life as it comes instead of trying to make a screen play out of it which baffles Hollywood.

SHORT ARTICLE ON

MAN'S DEADLIEST ENEMY

HOW would you answer the question, Who or what is the deadliest enemy of mankind?

Various answers would be given, but the true one is the insect world. Insects are the most deadly menace to the human race.

Think for a moment of the Tsetse fly, the name applied to any of the eight species of glossina, a genus of African blood-sucking insect, only slightly larger than the house fly. These flies are restricted to Africa, although not found in the Sahara or void country of the extreme south. This fly is entirely responsible for the deadly disease "sleeping sickness," and around the shores of the great African lakes, in Uganda, and the Congo, many native villages and towns and their inhabitants have been completely blotted out, all owing to this small insect, the tsetse fly.

Science has spent great sums in trying to exterminate this insect and cure this terrible disease but so far the fly is victorious.

Then think of the flea. In India the plague, caused entirely by the bite of the flea, is calculated, according to Professor Leboy, to have destroyed eight million persons, and many cities and districts have been come derelict, all owing to this tiny insect.

SPREAD BY RATS

When a case of plague occurs in any town or village in Ceylon or India, the authorities surround the place with a fence of corrugated iron, buried about three feet in the ground. Why? To prevent the rats leaving the stricken area. The rats, or really the fleas on them, are the carriers of the plague. As the rats die, the fleas leave their bodies and go to human beings, and so the plague spreads.

The farmers in Egypt and Africa have many deadly enemies, but the deadliest menace to their crops is the locust. These locusts, at certain times of the year, suddenly appear on the horizon, a vast cloud, even darkening the sun, and filling the air with the hum of their wings.

They descend on the farms and feed, and when they rise to continue their devastating flight, not a blade of grass or a leaf of a tree is visible. The white landscape is one vast desert, and the inhabitants are faced with starvation and death.

So numerous are these terrible insects that trains meeting a swarm of locusts are often unable to proceed owing to the millions of their bodies clogging up the wheels, and so making them slip on the lines, bringing the train to a standstill.

EATEN AWAY

In Ceylon and other tropical countries the white ant or termite is a deadly menace. These insects destroy many people and property worth thousands of pounds every year. They swarm in the bungalows eating every piece of wood they can find.

These termites always work in the dark and build tiny earth tunnels everywhere to reach the wood work. One day the bungalow collapses, and all the beams are found to have been completely eaten hollow by the pests. Outside, all looked well, until the crash came.

These termites eat everything, carpets, matting, clothes and wood, and it is almost impossible to keep anything from their ravages. Now that so much jungle in Ceylon has been cleared and wood is scarce in many parts of the island, this pest has begun to eat the tea bushes (underground, of course), and unless something is done, one can quite well imagine that the industry will be totally destroyed by these small insects.

The boll weevil has destroyed vast stretches of land in America, once under the cultivation of cotton. In spite of all science can do, these

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WOMAN WEEPS WHEN SENT TO PRISON

Declines To Testify In Own Behalf

A 25-year-old married woman named Fung Sul wept bitterly at the Criminal Sessions this morning after she had been sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir A. G. MacGregor, on three charges in relation to forged bank-notes.

She was accused of (1) uttering a forged \$10 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank note at the Sookunpoo football ground on December 11; (2) uttering a similar note at the Royal Navy football ground on December 12; and (3) possession of same. She pleaded not guilty to all the charges and the following jury was empanelled to try the case: Messrs. S. Berg (Foreman), S. E. Souza, Chung Kwan-ting, W. G. Williams, Chan Man-sing, Chan Wai-chuen and D. Black.

Mr. J. Whyatt, who prosecuted, said that on December 11 Sergeant S. Brown, R.A., was on duty at one of the gates to the Sookunpoo football ground, where a match between the Middlesex Regiment and the Hongkong Football Club was being played. Business was very slack and not much money was taken. About 4.30 p.m., while the game was in progress, a woman came to Sergeant Brown and tendered a \$10 note for a 30-cent ticket. The woman entered the ground and sat near an Indian, Mr. S. E. Bux, with whom she entered into a conversation. She was said to have told Mr. Bux that she was expecting a relative who, however, had failed to turn up. A few minutes later, someone outside the ground called to the woman, "Hus your relative turned up?" The woman replied no and then left the ground.

FORGERY DISCOVERED

As the match was coming to a close, Sergeant E. Taylor, R.A., who was in charge of it, saw Sergeant Brown about the gate receipts and was told that a \$10 note had been tendered. Sergeant Taylor examined the note and discovered it was a forgery. Together with Corporal S. MacCormac, R.A.S.C., who collected the woman's ticket, they held a consultation and decided to look for her. They went to the South China ground, where another match was on, and there spoke to Sub-inspector F. D. B. Tuckett, informing him of the matter. Failing to find the woman, they returned to the Sookunpoo ground where they found Mr. Bux, who was subsequently retained as a witness.

The following day, there was a match between South China "A" and Eastern on the Royal Navy football ground. Cpl. MacCormac went along and he took the opportunity of warning Chief Petty Officer P. A. Fethick, who was in charge of the gate, of what had happened the previous day, at the same time asking to be notified should anything transpire. That was about 3.15 p.m. and half an hour later a woman, accompanied by a child, came to the pay-office and tendered a \$10 note, which was immediately discovered to be a forgery. She was detained and Cpl. MacCormac and the Police were summoned. Small change amounting to 55 cents were found on her person.

DENIED GUILTY KNOWLEDGE

On being taken to No. 2 Police Station by Detective-Sergeant J. Bentley, accused was charged and in reply she said she did not utter any forged note on December 11. She admitted, however, having tendered a \$10 note on December 12, but denied she knew it was a forgery. Subsequently, an identification parade was held by Mr. F. W. Shaftain, A.D.C.I., at which the woman was picked out by Sergeant Brown and Mr. Bux from a group of eight.

Counsel then went on to suggest that one of the reasons why accused chose football grounds to utter the notes was because she knew the people who collected money there were sailors and soldiers who were not so expert in detecting forgeries as shop-keepers. But whatever the reason, it was evident she did not go there to watch the match, and the only conclusion which could be arrived at was that she was engaged in a systematic fraud.

CROWN WITNESSES

Evidence for the Crown was given by Sgt. Brown, Cpl. MacCormac, Sub-inspector Tuckett, Mr. Bux, Chief Petty Officer Fethick, Police Sergeant H. A. Mackay, Detective-Sergeant J. Bentley, Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Mr. Fu Yuk-ching, Police Interpreter and Mr. Ho Ching-nam, a shroff employed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

The last-named not only said the notes were forgeries but held that they were manufactured from the same press.

Accused did not make any statement, and the Jury, without retiring, found her guilty on all the charges. Passing sentence of 12 months' hard labour on each of the charges, to be served concurrently, His Lordship said he must take a serious view of the case as accused had not availed herself of the opportunity to disclose where she got the notes.

REPORT ENTRY OF THIEVES

Mrs. H. Black, of Armand Buildings, has reported to the police that some unknown person gained admittance to her flat, and stole from a dressing table a fountain pen and table ornaments to the value of \$11. Mr. Crofton, of 247 Prince Edward Road, has reported to the police the theft of a wrist watch, worth \$75, from his residence.

Cutting Cost Of Empire Air Mails

Hongkong Not Getting All Bonofits

The following announcement by Imperial Airways promises cheaper air mail for correspondents in England who post to various countries in Africa and the Far East, not including Hongkong, however.

Local benefits will be gained by the introduction on March 4 of a revised schedule which will permit of a total transit time between Hongkong and London of eight days and between Hongkong and Brisbane of six days. The revision of the schedule and the introduction to some countries of the "all first class mail by air" scheme is the result of the introduction of the Empire Flying Boats on the London Singapore service from February 23, whereafter there will be two services weekly.

The announcement by the local office of Imperial Airways reads: "As from Wednesday, February 23, all first class mail will be carried by air from the United Kingdom to Egypt, Palestine, India (including Ceylon and the Seychelles), Burma and Malaya (including North Borneo and Sarawak)."

There will be each week two "C" (Empire) Class flying-boat services to Singapore, and in addition two "C" Class services to Karachi. In other words, there will be four "C" Class flying-boat services each week from Southampton to Karachi and vice versa, two of them being continued to Singapore. Qantas Empire Airways will continue to serve the Singapore to Brisbane and vice versa with the "Commonwealth" Class air-liner, as formerly.

Connecting with the two Karachi terminating services there will be "Atlantica" Class services operating between Karachi and Calcutta via Delhi, and in addition to the above there will be a once-weekly service between Alexandria and Basra operated by the "Hannibal" Class aircraft.

FAR EAST SERVICE

The introduction of the "C" Class flying-boat on the main trunk route as far as Singapore will result in a change of schedule on the feeder service Bangkok-Hongkong and vice versa. As from March 1, the service will leave Hongkong each Tuesday, connecting at Bangkok both with the home-bound service from Australia and the outward-bound service to Australia. In the reverse direction the service will leave Bangkok for Hongkong each Thursday, arriving here each Friday, and again effecting connections both from Australia and Europe. The first service to arrive in Hongkong on the new schedule is due on Friday, March 4. A summary of the new schedule is given below:

Leave Hongkong Tues.
Arrive Bangkok Wed.
Leave Bangkok Thurs.
Arrive London Wed.
Arrive Brisbane Mon.
Leave London Thurs.
Leave Brisbane Sat.
Arrive Bangkok Wed.
Leave Bangkok Thurs.
Arrive Hongkong Fri.

The preliminary time-table in force at the commencement of flying-boat operations between London and Singapore will provide a total transit time of eight days Hongkong-London and six days Hongkong-Brisbane and vice versa.

Driver Fined For Minor Offences

Summoned for driving his car on the path leading from the Civil Service Cricket Club to the Hongkong Football Club on February 5 without permission, Mr. S. C. Miller, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, was fined \$4 when he appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Asked if any danger resulted from the breach, Acting Sub-inspector B. G. Baker said there were always many children playing along the path.

Mr. M. I. Drysdale, of H. M. S. Folkestone, summoned for parking his car over the time limit of two hours in Pedder Street car-park on January 27, was fined \$4. Mrs. T. Duley was fined \$3 for leaving her motor car unattended in Chater Road on February 5.

Mr. Sydney Chan, owner-driver, was cautioned when he was summoned for causing an obstruction with his car in Connaught Road Central on February 5. Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios appeared for Chan and pleaded guilty to a technical offence.

Mr. Fong Yau-nam was fined \$5 for sounding his horn in Des Voeux Road Central near the Post Office at 3.25 p.m. on February 4. Traffic Sergeant G. You said that defendant was sounding the horn continuously, and added that it seemed to be a habit with the man.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on Ho Fu, lorry driver, for speeding in Queen's Road East in a controlled area.

Adjourned from last Friday, when he denied a charge of speeding in Queen's Road East at 32 miles per hour on January 27, Lam Huen was fined \$5 on appearing this morning. Traffic Sergeant T. McInnes said he had checked Sergeant Pennell's motor-cycle speedometer, and found it to be correct. Defendant had been followed and paced with this speedometer.

HONGKONG CONGRATULATES AUSTRALIA

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE ON SESQUI-CENTENARY

Hongkong, which will celebrate its own centenary in less than three years, has just congratulated Australia on the sesqui-centenary of the founding of the first settlement near Sydney.

In a cabled message to the Governor-General of Australia, the Hongkong Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, recently said:

"Please accept on behalf of the Dominion of Australia the most hearty congratulations of the Colony of Hongkong on the celebration of the 150th anniversary of first settlement in Australia."

Brigadier General Lord Gowrie, V.C., the Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth, has replied to Sir Geoffrey Northcote as follows:

"Desire to express deep appreciation of congratulatory message from Colony of Hongkong on occasion Australia's 150th Anniversary."

THE WEATHER

FOG AND MIST ARE FORECAST

Gloomy weather is forecast by the Royal Observatory. Fog, mist or drizzle is likely within the next 24 hours, says the report issued at 10 a.m.

Both temperature and humidity have appreciably increased in the last two days. The temperature did not fall below 60 degrees during the whole of yesterday, while humidity at 10 o'clock this morning had reached 95 per cent.—five per cent. off saturation.

Eleven points of rainfall recorded during the past 24 hours has brought the total for the year to 4.54 inches—2.49 inches above the average.

Official forecast for to-night and to-morrow is: Moderate easterly winds; cloudy with fog; mist or drizzle.

MOTHER CHARGED WITH ABANDONING BODY OF HER SON

Charged with dumping the body of her 15-year-old son in a secluded lane at the rear of Kam Wah Street, Shaubikwan, yesterday, Wong Nai, 51, widow, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

She denied that the boy was dead, and claimed that she was seeking assistance when a sanitary foreman arrested her.

Inspector A. Wright, who prosecuted, said that the woman resided in Main Street with her two children, but when the children contracted smallpox recently, she took them on board an abandoned sampun and lived there. One of the children subsequently died.

The prosecuting officer asked for a week's remand, stating that an additional charge might be laid against the woman, and the request was granted.

DISMISSED MAN RETURNS TO ROB EMPLOYER

A charge of burglary was preferred against Wong Fong, 38, unemployed, when he appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning. He was accused of entering the Yu Sing Lee flour-dealers' firm, Lyemun Village, at 3 a.m. yesterday, and stealing a box containing a large quantity of clothing, quilts and covers, and a gold finger ring.

Inspector A. Wright said that Wong was formerly employed in the shop, but was discharged during Chinese New Year.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

Germans Mass On Czechs' Border, Says Paris Story

Paris, Feb. 15. The military correspondent of Le Soir, M. Rene Pélletier, says 20 German divisions have been placed along the Czechoslovakian frontier.

Heretofore, he adds, the strongest concentrations were on the French and Belgian borders. "The new Fourth Group armies of Leipzig—a quarter of the German army—are now on the Czech frontier, alongside the Third Group armies. Together they represent nearly 20 divisions, placed in an arc along the Czech frontier, with the length of the Czech frontier, with the western extremity at Prague, touching the Austrian border, the

CONSIDER KOWLOON PROBLEMS

Residents' Association Discusses Projects

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Tuesday, February 8, in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Those present were: Mr. B. Wylie (President), Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice-President), Mr. R. F. Phillips (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. R. Baldwin (Hon. Secretary), the Hon. Mr. L. D'Almeida e Castro, Jr., Messrs. B. W. Bradbury, W. C. Felslow, Li Chor Chi, C. M. Manners, I. N. Murray, R. Pestonji, C. E. Terry, Rev. J. R. Higgins, and Miss R. Mow Fung. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. E. W. Gardner, Messrs. Lam Ming-fan, W. J. Ratley, D. W. Munton, and H. Gilling.

A Sub-Committee submitted a report advocating the planting of trees in many specified areas in Kowloon. After some discussion, this was referred back for consideration regarding the advisability of recommending the removal of trees from certain positions in which they constituted a danger to traffic.

A letter from a member was read, drawing attention to the need for a cable and wireless office in Kowloon. It was decided that a letter should be sent to Messrs. Cable and Wireless Ltd., on the lines suggested in the letter, mentioning also the large number of passengers from ships moored at the Kowloon Wharves to whom such an office would be of great benefit.

The Traffic Sub-Committee reported that it was working in conjunction with the Automobile Association in consideration of the traffic "circus" installed in Waterloo Road.

The date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed for Friday, March 4, at 8 p.m.

U.K. TRADE REACHES NEW HIGH

London, Feb. 14. The latest overseas trade figures recorded the highest totals, both imports and exports, for any January since 1930.

The aggregate was £12,000,000 less than December, but was £11,000,000 above last January.

Imports amounted to £55,000,000 and exports to £41,000,000, compared with £54,000,000 and £44,000,000 respectively in December and £76,000,000 and £39,000,000 in January, 1937.—Reuter Special.

French War Areas Loan Oversubscribed

Paris, Feb. 14. The credit National loan of 1,000,000 francs to facilitate the restoration of centres damaged over 20 years ago in the Great War has been fully subscribed. It was officially closed this afternoon.—Reuter Special.

Severe Cold Weather In South England

London, Feb. 14. Severe cold weather, accompanied by falls of snow, continues in southern England, and the reports of extensive damage resulting from flooding and gales during the week-end are still being received.—British Wireless.

YEN WILL BE DEFENDED

Tokyo, Feb. 15. The Government's decision to maintain the yen exchange rate at its present level of 1:24 was reaffirmed today in the House of Peers by the Finance Minister.

He stated the present exchange policy was pursued by the Government because "devaluation desired in certain quarters would not contribute to the improvement of the balance in international payments but would on the contrary invite various difficulties, including financial confusion."—Reuter.

JAPAN CONTINUES OLYMPIAD PLANS

Tokyo, Feb. 15. Disregarding the growing opposition abroad, the Japanese Olympic Games Organising Committee is calmly and confidently continuing preparations for the thirteenth Olympiad here in 1940.

Meanwhile, messages from Vancouver, B.C., report the arrival there of Mr. Matsuzo Nagai, Japan's delegate to the International Olympic Committee, and the departure of Mr. Matsuzo Nagai, Japan's delegate to the International Olympic Committee, and the departure of Mr. Matsuzo Nagai, Japan's delegate to the International Olympic Committee.

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12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Raia da Costa (Piano). Butterflies in the Rain (Reaves and Myers); Everyone Says 'I Love You' (Kalmay and Rugby); 'Waltz Time'—Medley (Strauss, arr. Levy); Dancing Butterfly (Young and Peters).

12.42 The London Palladium Orchestra, cond. by Richard Cross. 'Vivienne's Trick'; 'Londing (Haydn Wood); 'The Valley Of The Poppies (Ancliffe); 'A Birthday Serenade (Lincke); 'The Druid's Prayer—Waltz (Davson).

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 The B.B.C. Orchestras. Aida—Selection (Verdi); Grand March (Verdi). The B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra cond. by Percy Pitt: Overture 'Fingola's Cave', Op. 20 (Mendelssohn); Overture 'Merry Wives of Windsor' (Nicolai). The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: Prof. Dr. phil., Dr. Ing. h.c. E. Graefe Subject: 'How Science rectifies Nature'.

2.15 Close down.

8.0-7.0 Chinese Programme.

7.0 Dance Music. The Lady Who Couldn't Be Kissed (film 'The Singing Marine'); Swing, Swing, Dear Mother-in-Law. George Eirik and His Swing Music Makers; Rumba—Blue Rumba; Rumba Fox-Trot—Coubannian. The Lecuona Cuban Boys; Fox-Trots—I'm a Little Prairie Flower; The Best of Friends.

Billie Cotton and His Band; Tangos—La Ultima Cancion; Cabecita. Heinz Huppertz and His Orchestra; Quickstep—Don't Say Goodbye; Waltz—I Hum A Waltz (film 'This is my Affair'). Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

7.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.35 Studio—Colonel Irwin, D.S.O., M.C., on 'Air Raid Precautions'.

7.50 His Excellency The Governor.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Recital by Prue Lewis (Violon) and Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).

1. Molly on the Shore (Percy Grainger); 2. Sussex Minstrel's Xmas Carol (Percy Grainger). Prue Lewis accomp. by Lindsay Lafford; 3. Three English Dances (York Bowen); (a) Country Dance, (b) Morris Dance, (c) Gig Dance, Lindsay Lafford and Lotus Land (Cyril-Scott-Kreisler); 5.—Breath-o-June (J. B. McEwen); 6. English Dance (B. J. Dale). Prue Lewis accomp. by Lindsay Lafford.

8.25 Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Hybrids, The Cretan (Elliott); I Fear No Fox (Pinsuti); The Shepherd Boy's Song (Pepper).

8.35 Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

Puccini—Potpourri.

8.45 London Relay—The Band Wagon.

with Arthur Askey, Reginald Foort at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ and The Band Wagoners conducted by Phil Cardew. Production by Cordon Crier and Harry S. Pepper.

9.20 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Beethoven—Moonlight Sonata (in C Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 3).

Played by Ignace Jan Paderewski.

10.03 New Symphony Orchestra and Angela Parselles (Soprano).

'Merric England'—Selection (Edward German). Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent; The Nightingale Song (Wynne & Zeller); The Piper From Over The Way (Taylor & Brane); Angela Parselles; 'Le Cid' Ballet Music (Massenet); (a) Castillane; (b) Aubade; (c) Andalouse; (d) Aragonaise; (e) Madrilene; (f) Navarraise. Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

10.35 Sibelius' Songs.

Flicka, Kom Hien Sin Alstings Mote; Sav Sav, Sava (Schroder, Saus'le) Op. 38, No. 4. Marlan Anderson (Contralto) with piano accomp. by Kosti Vehanen.

10.42 Sibelius—Symphonic Poem 'Night-Ride And Sunrise', Op. 55.

Orchestra conducted Adrian Boult.

11.0 Close down.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong Radio to-day: Menestheus, Kikar-l-Hind; President Doumer; Kulsang; Yochow; Carthage; Bangalore; Victoria, S.G. Paul; Doumer; Aisuta Maru; Empress of Canada; Luchow; Aramin; Canton; Guelannau; Kumsang; President Grant; President McKinley; Taiyuan, Minoo Maru; Taping; Cremer; Shengkong.

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NO NEW SOCCER TALENT UNEARTHED BY SERVICES

ONLY PROVEN MEN DO WELL IN THE TRIAL CONDITIONS TO BLAME FOR POOR DISPLAYS

(By "Abe")

As no new talent was unearthed, it is doubtful whether the football trial held by the Services at Sookunpoo yesterday taught the selectors anything which they did not already know. Only those whose prowess has been tried before in the Colony did well; all the rest were just so-so.

Conditions obtaining yesterday were far from conducive to good football, and the newcomers could hardly be blamed for not distinguishing themselves. The ground was so slippery that it was well-nigh impossible to maintain a footing, and an almost continuous drizzle, which commenced shortly after the trial had started, made the ball so greasy that control was almost out of the question.

Nevertheless, there were several who managed to overcome these difficulties and made their selections fairly secure.

Changes were made at the end of the first half. Several players who turned out for one side in the opening period were on the opposing side after the interval. In the circumstances, the score was unimportant, but as a matter of form it might be mentioned that the Probables (Red) defeated the Possibles (Blue) by 7-1.

SAW ABSENT

The Possibles took the field with only ten men, and missing from the Probables was Saw, who was kept out of the trial by injury.

The two teams in the first half were:

Probables.—Church (Navy); Webster (Middlesex); Sheehan (Middlesex); Williamson (Seaforths); Bright (Middlesex); Ferris (Navy); Grogan (Middlesex); McGuigan (Seaforths); Calvert (R.A.); Courtney (Middlesex) and Pearson (Middlesex).

Possibles.—Duncan (R. Scots); Fraser (R. Scots); Marshall (R. Scots); McKusker (Seaforths); Wilkinson (Middlesex); Polts (R. Scots); Alsey (R. Scots); Elton (R.A.F.) and Fleming (R. Scots).

The Probables were so overwhelmingly superior that Duncan was given a very trying time in the Possibles' goal. He was beaten only once, from close quarters by McGuigan, but before and after this, he stopped so many rasps from Calvert, Pearson and McGuigan that he made himself almost certain of inclusion, especially as none of the other goalkeepers who were tried managed to impress.

THOSE WHO SHONE

Midway in this half, Duncan changed places with Church, but the latter did not show up nearly as well. His handling was not so sure and he was beaten once, by Pearson, who scored with a terrific left-foot drive to put the Probables two up. Amongst others who shone for the Probables were Williamson, Bright, Ferris, Pearson, Calvert and McGuigan, Watson and Sheehan were a

Services Team To Play Corinthians

The following were selected last night as the Services team to meet Islington Corinthians on Sunday:

Church (Royal Navy), Watson (M'sex), Sheehan (M'sex), Williamson (Seaforths) captain, Bright (M'sex), Ferris (Royal Navy), Grogan (M'sex), McGuigan (Seaforths), Calvert (R.A.), Saw (M'sex), Pearson (M'sex). Reserves.—Duncan (Royal Scots), Fraser (Royal Scots), Land (R.E.), Alsey (Royal Scots), Courtney (M'sex).

safer pair of backs than Fraser and Marshall of the Possibles.

Handicapped by playing with only ten men, the Possibles were never able to get going.

In the second half the teams lined up as follows:

Probables.—Smith (R. A. S. C.); Watson, Sheehan, Williamson, Bright, Ferris, Grogan, McGuigan, Pearson, Courtney and Elton.

Possibles.—Hulley (R. A. F.); Fraser, Marshall, Fraser, McKusker, Wilkinson, Polts, Alsey, Calvert, Fleming and Church (Navy).

No fewer than six goals were scored in this half, and of these Pearson had a part in five. He put in four goals himself, including a beautiful header, and one bounced off Fraser's foot from a shot by him. The other goal was scored for the Possibles by Calvert, who slipped through between Watson and Sheehan to beat Smith.

PEARSON AS OUTSIDE LEFT

In view of the fact that apart from Pearson, there was not an outside left worthy of the name, Pearson will probably play in this position, otherwise his claims for inclusion as centre-forward would be just as strong as Calvert's.

The two players who played at inside-left did not give the impression of being better than Saw. Fleming was clever with his feet, but was far too prone to dribble, and Courtney was never really at home. By the time this appears in print, the Services' team will have been known.



Rugby players of "C" Company, 2nd Battalion the Royal Welch Fusiliers, winners of the Inter-Company Rugby Cup during 1938. The photo was taken just before the Battalion left the Colony for the Sudan. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

OPEN-HANDED PAYMENT OF EXPENSES WANTED

No Official Statement By British L. T. A.

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

London, Jan. 12.

The recent claim by British lawn tennis players for open-handed payment of travelling and hotel expenses presents such a big question that people in the game are mystified that an official statement on the subject has not been made.

It is known that the problem has been before the Lawn Tennis Association. So when the new L.T.A. Council, appointed in December, held their first meeting last Monday, we expected something to happen.

Instead, silence reigned, leaving people to think that nothing has been done at all. The L.T.A. do not differ much from other sports committees. They all love secrecy and the issuing of bare statements, minus explanations.

But in this case there is no cause why it should not be given the light of day, and I am sure the players will not be satisfied until this is done.

Recently, as I told you, "Bunny" Austin headed a men's deputation to the L.T.A. and Mrs. (Dorothy Round) Little a women's party. Both urged that eight weeks' expenses be allowed in a playing season, as is the case in other lands. We can be sure they will continue pressing this claim.

ALL WANT THEM

The L.T.A. have not told us what occurred at their meeting on Monday, but notwithstanding the absence of official information it can be stated here that Sir Samuel Hoare, the president, reported the result of the meetings he and his colleagues had with the players.

We have also discovered that the councillors were left in no doubt that the expenses claim argued by Austin was intended to apply to players generally and not to a select few.

Much talk took place, but the outcome of it was that the whole question was referred back to a committee who considered it last year—a committee unchanged in personnel, a committee, in fact, who have already said "No" to the expenses claim.

THE TRUE-BLUES

A clear understanding should be reached on the question of tennis expenses. Secrecy and subterfuge

should be scorned. While the L.T.A. are trying to decide whether expenses should be paid, players are getting them surreptitiously.

There is a fear that if eight weeks' expenses were permitted, payment would stop there. I do not think it would, for if the principle of officially condoned expenses is established, how can anyone say that it is right for a player to take eight weeks' out-of-pocket money, and a crime if he accepts nine weeks, or the whole 32?

The offence would be on a par with that of the man whose drinking having become illegal in one public house, crosses the road to another bar which remains open later.

It should not be thought that official sanction would mean all players getting their travelling money. Tournament committees would still pay those whom they desired to attend. In other words, the "rabbit" would continue paying his own way.

In fact, the irrepressible "rabbit" in any sport is the only true-blue amateur, if that term implies that an amateur is one who pays every penny of his games-playing costs.

SECRECY UNWANTED

In this case, I am on the side of the tennis players for two reasons:

(1) Amateurs get expenses in other sports;

(2) It is better for expenses to be paid openly than secretly, for then a governing body can keep a check on them and see that the dividing line between expenses and wages is not crossed.

The funniest thing—and this applies to most games—is that while councillors, committee men, and commissioners get frightfully "sticky" about amateurs receiving expenses, the said councillors, committee men, and commissioners usually see to it that they get their return fares paid when they have to travel to meetings.

Corinthians Due In Colony To-morrow

Messageries Maritimes announced this morning that the Aramis, bringing the Islington Corinthians to Hongkong from Malaya, will arrive in port to-morrow about 11 a.m. She will go alongside Kowloon Wharf.

A full South China A.A. delegation, headed by the General Committee of the Club and officials of the Hongkong Football Association, will go on board to welcome the famous visitors.

The Chinese are preparing a grand reception for the Corinthians, who will be escorted to the Peninsula Hotel in style.

GLASGOW RANGERS DRAW BYE

Third Round Of Scottish Cup

London, Feb. 14.

Glasgow Rangers have drawn a bye in the third round of the Scottish Cup which will be played on March 5.

Celtic, holders of the trophy, have been drawn at home to Kilmarnock, while Aberdeen will be away to East Fife.

The draw, which was made to-day, resulted as follows:

THIRD ROUND

Celtic	v. Kilmarnock
Morton	v. Queen's Park or Ayr U.
East Fife	v. Aberdeen
Perth	v. Raith R.
Falkirk	v. Albion R.
Stenmuir or Motherwell	v. Hamilton

The Rangers and St. Bernards or King's Park have drawn byes into the fourth round.—Reuter.

ENGLISH LEAGUE

London, Feb. 14. In the northern section of the Third Division in the English League, Halifax, at home, drew with York, each side scoring twice.—Reuter.

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

Australian Proposals Discussed

THE EIGHT-BALL OVER, WIDES AND NO-BALLS

The weather started going wrong on last Saturday week and though the cricket programme was finished on that day, there followed a solid seven days of the worst climatic conditions that I think I ever recall in a February. It was more like April or May save that it was beastly cold.

There was no cricket at all last week and I, for one, am very glad of it. It ruins a game of cricket to have it played under thoroughly unsuitable conditions and the League struggle is at a most interesting point, only two more League games to play. Games played in very cold weather and/or on mud-pits are most unsatisfactory and lead to the most unexpected and incorrect result if one may use the phrase. A cold unpleasant day handicaps every one, but I think the I.R.C. fare worse in this sort of weather than most other people.

There are just one or two points on which I have been intending to make comment when I could find space and now seems a good opportunity. The first one is the Australian proposal to reckon in the wides and no-balls into a bowler's analysis, and debit them against him. I must confess that up to a few years ago, when I had not analysed the scores, sheets of games so carefully, I had always been under the impression that I did so during one period when I did quite a bit of scoring.

No one ever bowled me out but the point came up during one of those pleasant long cricket talks which develop after a game is over.

The opposition were so positive that I lay pretty low and afterwards verified as far back as I could to Wisden—which was only until 1926. I found that I had been quite wrong. But the fact remains that somewhere I must have seen records—possibly the reviews of various counties' seasons—in which in the wicketing analysis reference was made to wides and no-balls. It must have been in my earliest (and therefore most impressionable) years of cricket, probably about 1899. I should be interested to know if anyone has a similar recollection. Even if there was such a practice it has quite gone out and though I introduce it in Australian cricket, I think it is most unlikely that the M.C.C. would adopt it, even if it was put up to them, and as to this I have heard nothing.

PERFECTLY LOGICAL

The M.C.C. are very wisely averse from making any avoidable changes in the rules of the game—there have been quite a lot lately as it is!—and so it would probably not go through. But if you come to think of it, it is perfectly logical. Byes and leg-byes are not scored against the bowler because they are not (entirely any way) his fault. But wides and no-balls are and why should not he pay for them?

Another point is that of the adoption of the eight ball over. Reading carefully of the game, one comes to realize that there are a large number of cricketers who are in favour

of the 8-ball over being adopted in England. And what is more, their number is growing. In a somewhat myopic outlook I must admit I had always rather considered the question from the bowler's point of view—or perhaps it would be more correct to say from the point of view which envisages the bowler's activities. As regards this attitude there were two distinct attitudes, the one which thought the extra two balls would fire the bowler; and the other which thought the extra two balls would enable the bowler to perfect a complete strategical attack on a batsman more successfully when he had eight than when he was limited to six balls. And in this latter connection I very well remember the change over from five to six balls. I read a lot of cricket even then and I well recollect bowlers then saying the extra ball helped their scheme of attack. I suppose it is worth mentioning that as a rule the good bowler tries to make each over an artistic whole working up to the point where, having led his batsman up the garden path so to speak for several balls he finally applies the coup de grace! Of course an odd number of runs scored usually spoils this, but that is the proper theory—each over an artistic whole!

TIME SAVED

This is all very well but I have recently realized that the great point about the eight ball over is the amount of time it saves. In a sequence of six eight ball overs you get forty-eight balls which equal eight six-ball overs, and so two complete changes of the field are saved—any four minutes. And eight overs of six balls take say thirty minutes. So the time saved is at least eight minutes an hour—I rather believe that actually it is a bit more.

I have already referred to the dislike of the M.C.C. for rule changing but when it is a question of minor alterations to save time and thus to lessen the number of draws I should be surprised if some steps of this sort are not taken in the near future. After all, it is not a radical change. As short a time ago as the 'seventies the over consisted of four balls. The number has been lifted to five first and then to six, so why not to eight? The increased strain on the bowler would surely be balanced by the increased resting time while the other end was bowling.

Finally, I recommend my readers to get hold, if they can, of a history of the 1936-7 Test Matches in Australia by Bruce Harris. It is a bit sketchy, and the tables are not too carefully compiled, e.g. he has the score of the second innings in the first Test completely jumbled up—but it is quite readable and lacks the Pomponius Ego touch of some other gentlemen who have described Tours in Australia.

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The time interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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No pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tio Tio men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

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Banks May Increase Gold Reserves

Sterilisation Laws Relaxed In U.S.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary for the Treasury, announced that as from February 1 the Treasury would limit its gold sterilisation operations to sums over \$100,000,000 acquired each quarter.

In other words, gold acquisitions up to \$100,000,000 in each three months will be allowed to increase the excess bank reserves without any offsetting through Treasury action.

Since \$30,000,000 in gold has already been acquired during the current quarter, this amount will be re-sterilised immediately by depositing \$30,000,000 of gold certificates with the Reserve banks, Mr. Morgenthau stated.

High officials have expressed the view that they expected the action announced by the Secretary would be non-deflationary.—Reuter.

MARKET REACTION

New York, Feb. 14. Inflation talk gained momentum following Mr. Henry Morgenthau's announcement, due to the fact that traders generally viewed the proposed action as direct credit inflation, permitting banks to issue ten dollars paper money for each dollar gold placed to their credit.

How the proposed de-sterilisation law will affect business is a moot question. It is recalled that last year's \$300,000,000 de-sterilisation apparently had no beneficial influence on business. However, as regards the market, most traders are certain that the proposed action will prove a much needed tonic for a buying wave, and will lift stocks through previous resistance levels.—United Press.

STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION

New York, Feb. 14. Referring to Mr. Morgenthau's announcement, Senator Thomas said: "It is a step in the right direction, but it does not go far enough, for it only applies to new gold." "There is \$1,200,000,000,000 in sterilised gold still existing. It was a pretty hard pill for them to swallow, but they are trying to check the decline in commodity prices."

Hamilton Fish Jr., Republican Member for New York, said: "Mr. Morgenthau has made a very sound and very wise move."—United Press.

OFFICER CATCHES THIEF & RECOVERS HIS OWN SHIRT

Running into Park Road, yesterday, from the Government Quarters, Upper Levels, to arrest a thief, Crown Sergeant L. C. Pennell found that what the man had stolen was his own shirt which had been left hanging on a clothes line in the compound of No. 4 Breezy Point.

Cheung Fun, 35, admitted the theft at the Central Magistracy to-day and was sentenced to one month's hard labour. For breaking a bond he was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 or, in default, to serve a further six weeks.

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Two authentic portraits of Queen Victoria from old steel engravings. The inset shows her as a child, and the larger pose is of her soon after her accession to Britain's throne in 1837. The present year, which would have been the hundredth of her reign if she had lived, is an anniversary which is appropriately brought to mind by the sumptuous motion picture of her career, "Victoria the Great," which is now having its American premieres. Anna Neagle and Anton Walbrook are its stars, and Herbert Wilcox its producer.

TOM FARR "SHOULD TAKE THE FIRST BOAT HOME"

Controversy Over Bout With Braddock

The fighting did not end in New York on January 23 when Tommy Farr stormed out of the Madison Square Gardens ring, kicking over his water-bucket and failing to shake hands with the ageing Cinderella man of American boxing, James J. Braddock, who had just been given a decision over him.

All night fighting went on—in Farr's dressing-room, in New York's night spots, among New York sports writers, who cuffed each other to emphasise their viewpoints, and also among fight fans who took to fighting among themselves.

All this was because of the decision that Braddock, presumably a back number in heavy-weight boxing, was the winner on points against Farr. This has raised a controversy the like of which America has not seen for a long time.

It began a few minutes after Braddock had received an ovation, following the most exciting last two rounds anyone could wish to see.

New York scribes, all of whom picked Farr to win, are saying now that he should take the first boat back home. They have decided that the Welshman has no punch and that his tactics can cause only haphazard damage.

All concede that if the fight had been over fifteen rounds instead of ten it would have been a very different story.

Here are some of the newspaper comments on last night's fight:—
New York Times: Viewing the fight from any angle Braddock deserved the decision. He would not have had the strength to launch that recovery (in the last two rounds) if Farr had been a fighter. Practically every one at the ringside attributed the Welshman's defeat to his faulty style of fighting.
New York Herald Tribune: Farr

should have won the fight. He is so much faster, but he cannot punch. He could not cope with that Braddock rally in the last six minutes.
Herald: Farr won by a slight margin.

It was a blood match all through. At one time Farr and Braddock were cursing each other furiously, and once Braddock lost his temper completely and tried to bang his opponent's head against the ropes.

ADMITS FRAUD CHARGE BUT WOULD REPAY

Admitting two charges of fraudulent conversion at the Central Magistracy this morning, a man named Cheung Pick-sheung, 54, was remanded for four days in custody by Mr. R. Edwards so that he may have an opportunity of seeing what he could do in the way of refunding to the complainants the money he had taken from them.

Det.-Sergeant R. Macey said that the two complainants in the case came to Hongkong in November last. They, on different dates, entrusted to the defendant over \$100 each to purchase for them passages to Singapore.

The defendant said that he had used the money, altogether \$245, in a business which failed. Asked by Mr. Edwards why he had done business with other people's money, the defendant said that the Chinese way of doing business was to use the money they had in hand. It would take him about two weeks to refund the money.



SIAM GOLF TITLE WON BY AMORY

Bangkok, Feb. 6. Amory won the amateur golf championship of Siam this afternoon, beating W. J. Gibb, the former Malayan champion, 4 and 2 over 30 holes.

The first 18 holes played this morning ended with the players all square, but in the second round in the afternoon Amory (whose fourth championship this is) was in fine form and won well.

KOWLOON GOLF

Starting times for the High Handicap Competition to be played at the Kowloon Golf Club on Sunday, February 20:

9.00 C. E. Terry, W. Kerahaw.
9.04 W. J. Woolley, M. A. Cairns.
9.08 E. W. Gardiner, T. Henderson.
9.12 G. C. Moss, B. Basto.
9.16 H. F. Westlake, W. Stoker.
9.20 E. F. Watts, R. M. Wheatcroft.
9.24 F. J. Hambley, J. E. R. Humble.

DERBY FORECAST POOL

The \$2 stage of the Hongkong Derby Forecast of the Hongkong Jockey Club closed on Monday, February 14, with the total of \$3,705 in the Pool.

The Final stage is now open, and until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 21, the cost of each forecast is \$5.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Come and Get It" (King's Theatre, to-day).—As in almost every picture in which he has appeared, Edward Arnold holds the spotlight in this production. The picture opens with some magnificent forest scenes and maintains a steady pace to the end. Fine support is given to the principal by Joel McCrea and Frances Farmer.

"Vells Fargo" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—The picture is painted on a wide canvas, and purports to show the development of the West in the early days. A huge cast is headed by Joel McCrea, Bob Burns and Frances Dee.

"Dance Charlie Dance" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—The names of Stuart Erwin, Jean Muir, Glenda Farrell and Allen Jenkins are sufficient recommendation for this film, which is one of the funniest seen locally in recent weeks.

"The Prince and the Pauper" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—This film has some good moments. The Mauch twins are seen for the first time and judging by their performances more will be seen of them shortly. Errol Flynn and Claude Rains have the chief adult roles. Among the scenes is the coronation of an English king at Westminster Abbey.

"Way Out West" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—The famed pair of comedians, Laurel and Hardy, meet with a lot of catastrophes which most people, especially those who like this type of thing, will enjoy. Laurel is especially funny.

"Victoria the Great" (Coming to Queen's Theatre).—This RKO Radio production, with the famous English queen as the central figure, has recently passed by the British Government without the elimination of an inch of film and pronounced correct in every detail. The last 1,000 feet of this film are made in technicolour, thus heightening the effect of the magnificent uniforms of those taking part in the Court scenes. "Victoria the Great" opens at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres on Saturday, February 20, with a gala premiere at the Queen's on Friday, February 25, at 9.15 p.m. The band of the Seaforth Highlanders will play until 9.30 p.m.

R. A. F. OFFICER IN HOSPITAL

Wing Commander W. A. K. Dalzell, Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force, Kai Tak, has been admitted to the Royal Naval Hospital.

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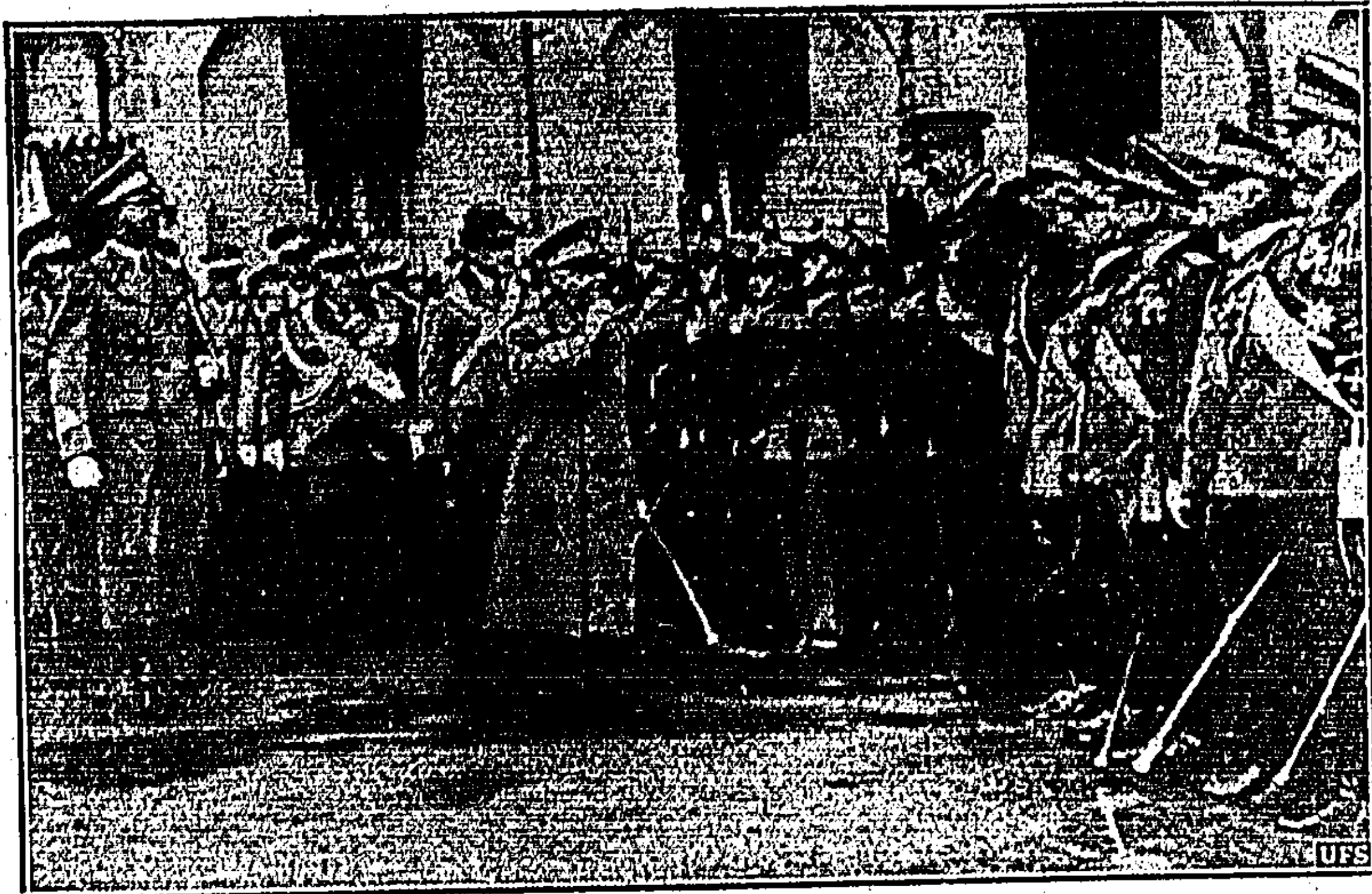
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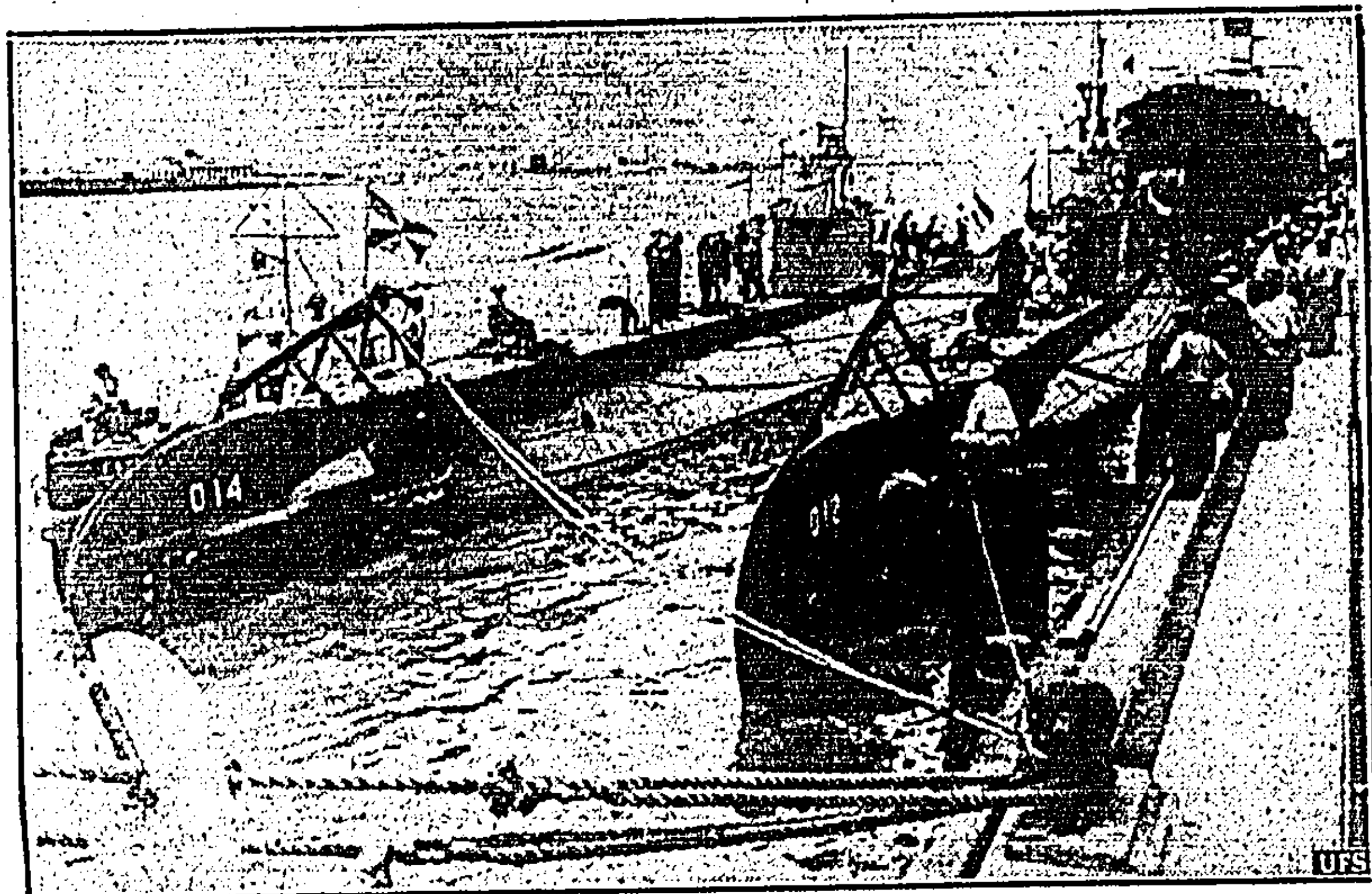
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HAPPENINGS
AS SEEN BY
THE CAMERA'S EYE



EXCHANGING SMILES and salutes with the towering Duke of Aosta, right centre, are King-Emperor Victor Emmanuel of Italy, centre, and Crown Prince Humbert, left, at the 150th anniversary review of the Italian Military College's founding, in Rome. Two days later the King named the Duke as new viceroy of Ethiopia, succeeding Marshal Rodolfo Graziani.



NEARLY 400 YEARS ago heavily armed Dutch fighting ships sailed into San Juan harbour, Puerto Rico, to wrest the strategic port from the Spaniards. But here are two modern Dutch fighting craft that stopped over for a friendly visit to the port. They are submarines returning to The Netherlands after a cruise in the nearby Caribbean Sea.



WAR POSTPONED on account of baseball game, might have been the announcement during a lull in the fighting in the north recently, as this contest got under way. These Japanese soldiers are hard at it, as the pitcher does a particularly scowly wind-up. Note the makeshift bamboo club the man at the plate is using for a bat.



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HARD RAINS IN THE HILLS near Rome brought highest flood conditions experienced by the famous city in 67 years. The River Tiber reached a flood stage of 55 feet 7 inches, submerging parts of the city's outskirts. Above, an isolated family is rescued from the upper floor of their home by boatmen below. Heavy property damage was recorded.

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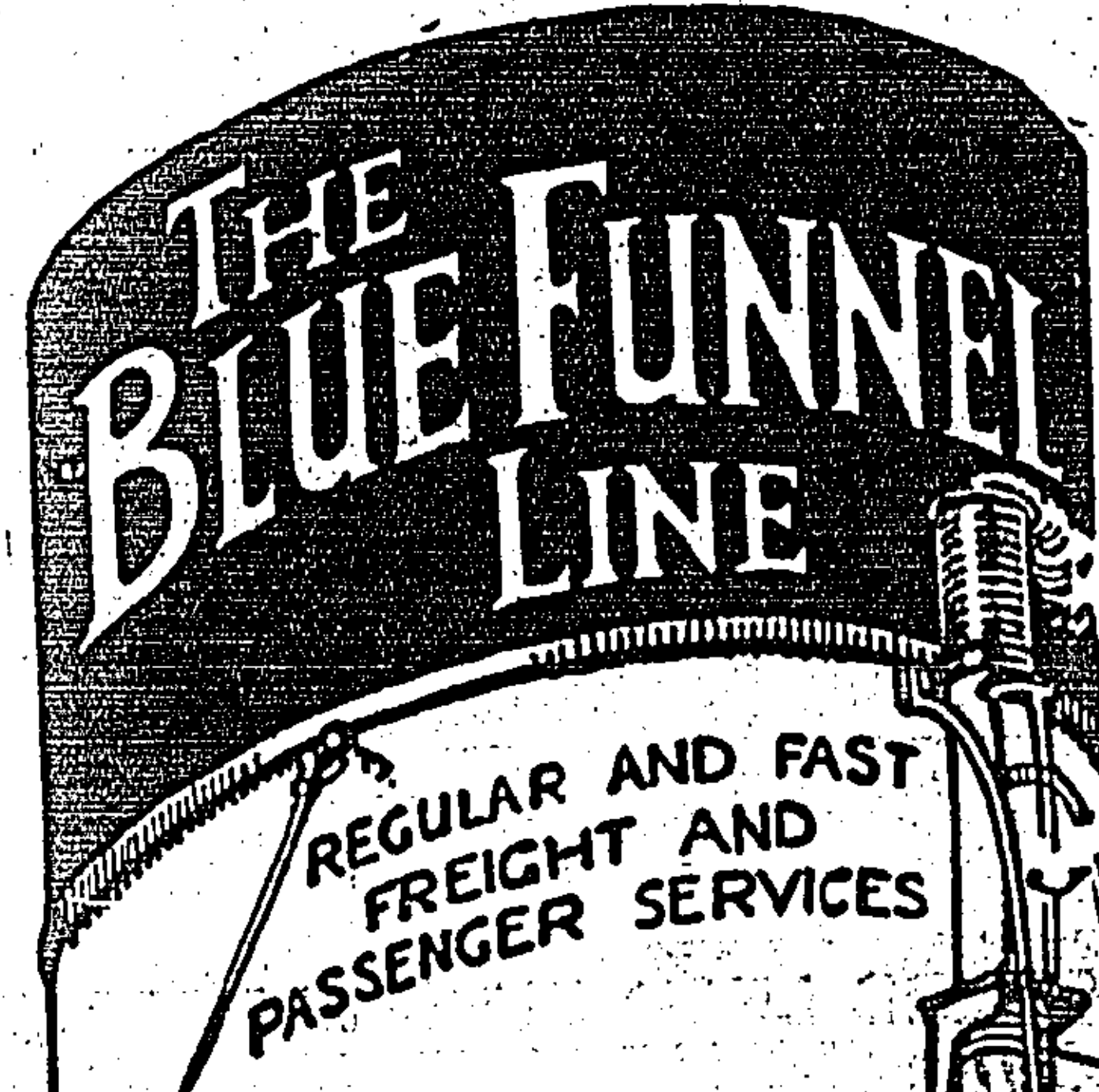
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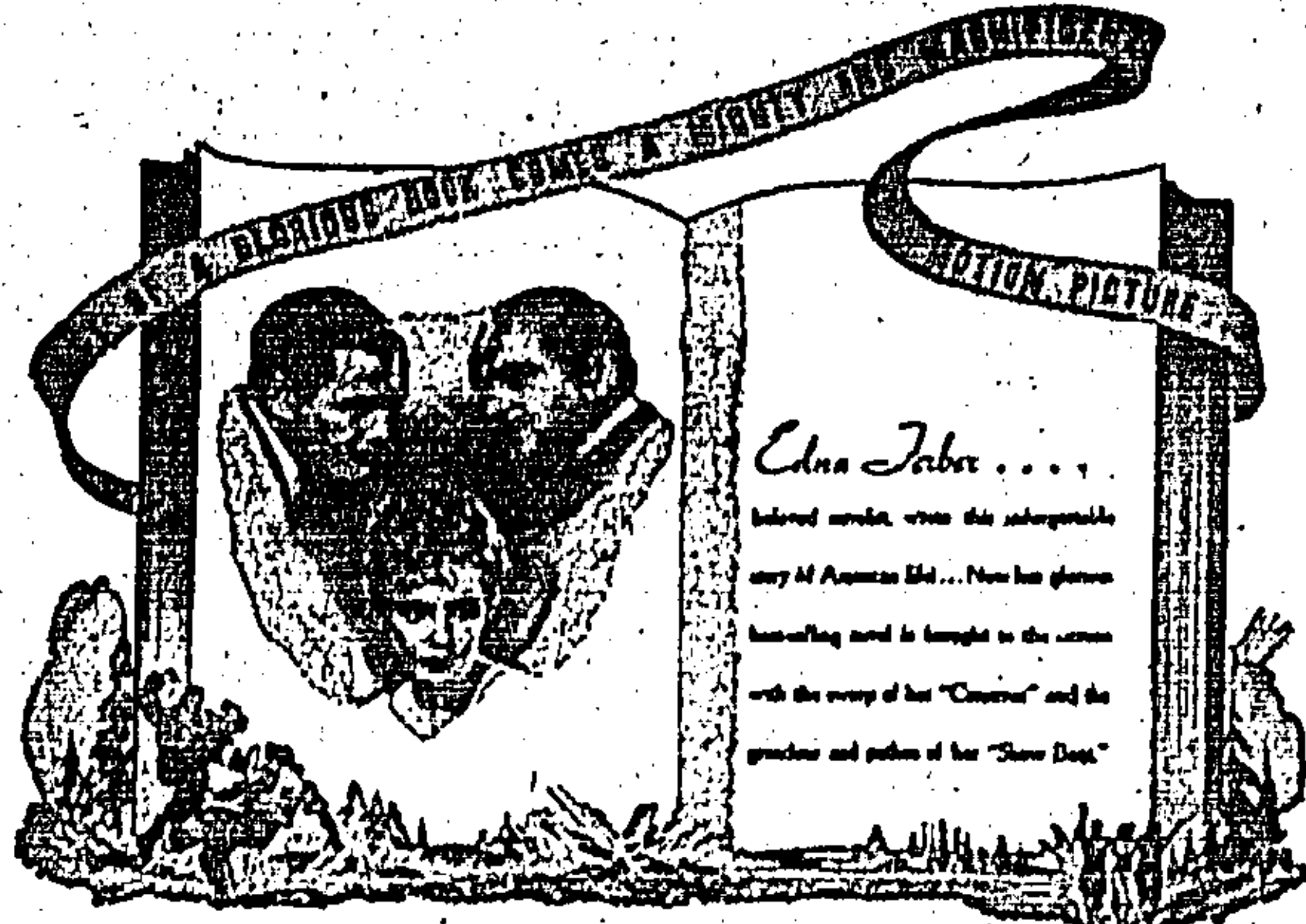
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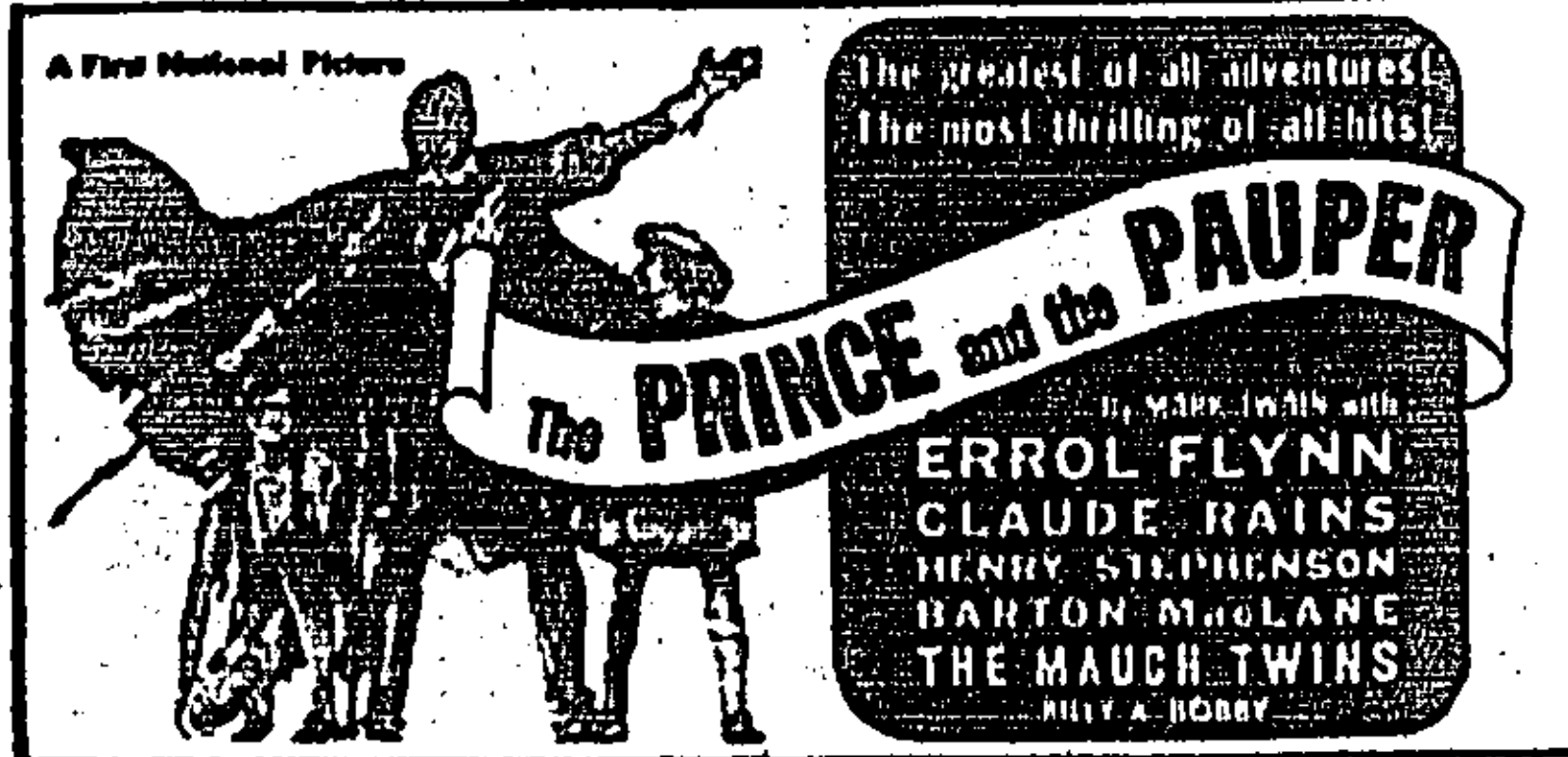


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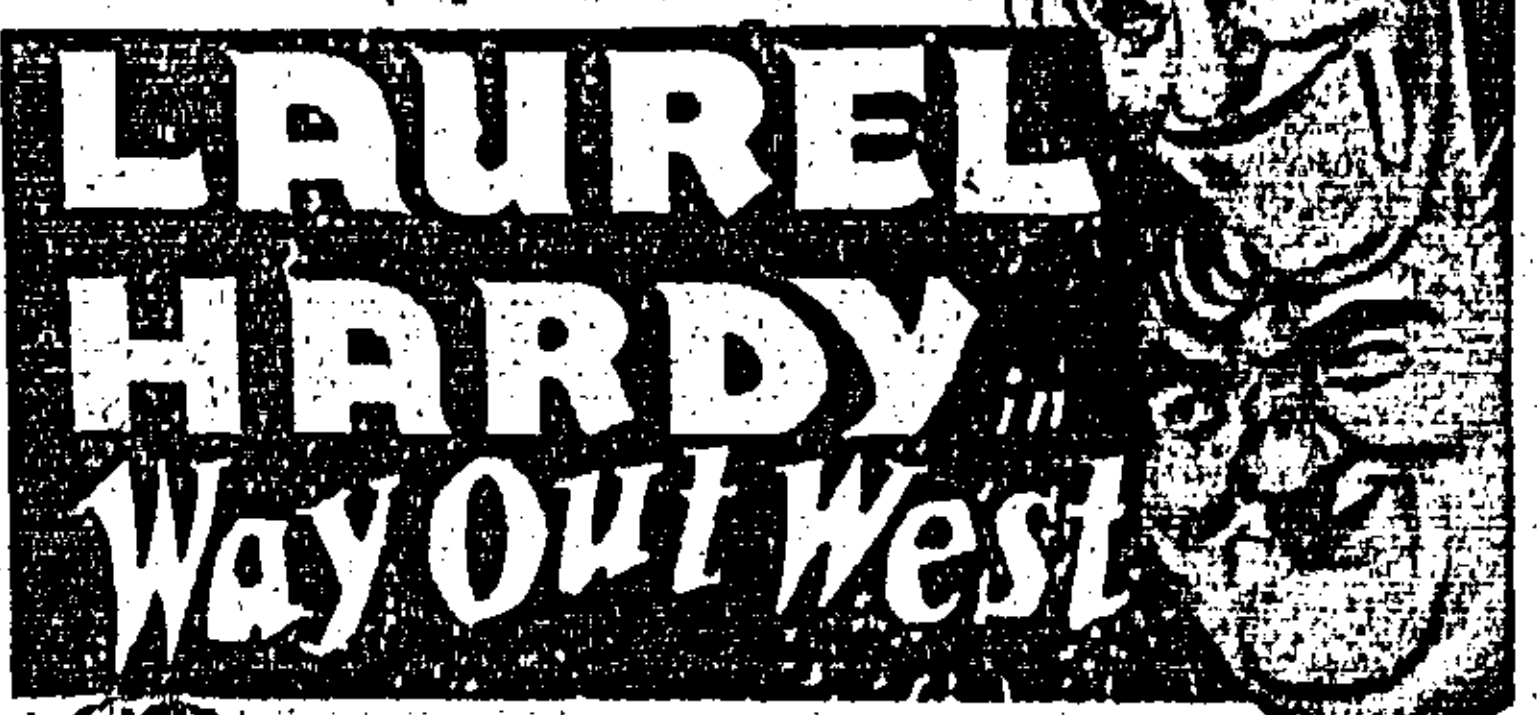
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Britain Asks For Assurances

London, Feb. 14. In a reply to questions in the House of Commons to-day, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said he was informed that a number of executions had taken place at Bilbao since the insurgents' occupation. Naturally, it was impossible to obtain exact figures. His Majesty's Government had strongly represented to both parties in Spain the desirability of refraining from further executions, in order to avoid prejudging the prospective negotiations for a general exchange of prisoners and other detained persons. The British agent in Salamanca had recently received an assurance that Basque prisoners, who were the subject of the negotiations, were in no danger.

Replying to a supplementary question, Mr. Eden said the Government had received a similar assurance from the Spanish Government.—British Wireless.

CROYDON TYPHOID MYSTERY

COMMITTEE'S REPORT DISCLOSES SOURCE

London, Feb. 14. The report of the Committee of Inquiry instituted by the Minister of Health into the Croydon typhoid outbreak has been published. The report says the immediate cause of the outbreak was a portion of the public water supply becoming infected by typhoid bacilli. The infected portion was that derived from a chalk well at Addington. How that became infected is a question that cannot be answered with absolute certainty, but all the circumstances and probabilities point so strongly in one direction that the Chairman says he feels justified in coming to the definite conclusion that the well was infected by the fact that at the end of last September and during October several men, one of whom was an active carrier of typhoid, were working in the well and that during large parts of the period when they were working, the water from the well was unfiltered and unchlorinated and was being pumped to supply. As to this work on the well, the report reveals there was both misunderstanding and lack of communication between responsible officers of the Corporation, so that neither the Medical Officer of Health nor even the Borough Engineer was aware of what was happening.—British Wireless.

No German Interference In Austria

CONCESSIONS BELIEVED MADE BY HITLER

Vienna, Feb. 14. The exact nature of the concession to which, it has been represented, Herr Hitler has agreed at the Berchtesgaden meeting with Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, is now apparent from statements in official quarters and the inspired press comment. While it is probably true that Herr Hitler declined to publicly disavow the Austrian Nazis, he has evidently given a positive guarantee that Reich Party quarters will refrain directly from encouraging illegal activities and smuggling of propaganda, supplies and money across the border will cease. It is believed that instructions to this effect have already been issued to the Nazi Party in Germany.—Reuter.

Austrian concessions. Nazi quarters here state that Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg made concessions in recent conversations with Herr Adolf Hitler "far beyond" the original Austro-German accord. However, claims of a Nazi "victory" are disputed by the Austrians who insist that Dr. Schuschnigg won reaffirmation of Austria's sovereign right to deal with internal affairs in her own manner.—United Press.

RECOGNITION OF ETHIOPIA NOT APPROVED IN U.S.

Washington, Feb. 14. In connection with suggestions in American press despatches that the terms of a possible Anglo-Italian settlement would entail British recognition of Italy's Ethiopian Empire, it is reiterated here that the United States policy does not recognize the acquisition of territories won by conquest, for example, Manchukuo. American observers declare British recognition of Ethiopia at present would almost certainly embarrass the United States and play into the hands of those newspapers and Congressmen who are condemning as dangerous even the limited degree of Anglo-American consultation with regard to the Far East.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DETAIN FRENCH LINER

ALLEGED PHOTOGRAPHS OF FORTIFIED ZONE

Shanghai, Feb. 14. The French liner President Doumer, en route to Shanghai from Kobe, was stopped by the Japanese last night at Rokuren, just after crossing the Shimono-seki Straits. Some members of the crew of the French liner are alleged to have taken pictures of the fortified zone in the Straits. The French Consul-General, M. de Peyre, and the Kobe agent of the Messageries Maritimes liner have arrived at Shimono-seki, and are now negotiating with the Japanese for the release of the ship.—Reuter.

NO NEWS IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Feb. 15. Early this morning the Messageries Maritimes offices here had not heard any further information regarding the plight of the President Doumer, although the master had assured them that he would send the fullest details. It appears the vessel was on the point of leaving Rokuren when she was boarded by Japanese port officials who prevented her departure.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

CHINESE BESIEGE THREE CITIES

Hsuechow, Feb. 15. Continuing their simultaneous counter-offensive on both the southern and northern sectors of the Tientsin-Peking Railway, Chinese forces have besieged Tsohsien, Tsinning and Tingshan, after recapturing Fengyang and Wenshang. A report states that the northern gate of Tsinning has been occupied by the Chinese forces but confirmation to this effect is lacking. It is reported that whilst fierce street fighting was raging in the southern city of Wenshang, prior to its recapture by the Chinese forces, 700 Japanese troops were rushed there from Tsinning. However, they were surrounded and routed by the Chinese forces at Hsien, south of Wenshang. Over half of them were killed whilst the rest beat a hasty retreat to Tsinning. Hotly pursuing them, the Chinese took the northern city gate yesterday morning. Meanwhile, other Chinese units crossed the Grand Canal and advanced along the highway and railway between Yenchow and Tsinning and completely surrounded the city. The number of Japanese troops now retreating from the city is estimated at about 3,000. On the northern sector of railway line fighting has been resumed at Lianghsien.—Central News.

WUSIH PARTIALLY IN RUINS

Chungking, Feb. 15. Wusih, China's industrial centre on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, now lies partially in ruins, according to a report. After their entry to the city, Japanese troops set fire to many hotels, shops, cotton mills, newspaper offices and houses were burned. Looting was openly perpetrated. Government as well as civilian property was robbed, he said.—Central News.

70 PLANES RAID KWANGTUNG

Canton, Feb. 15. It is estimated that more than 70 Japanese bombers yesterday took part in the mass raid over various sections of Kwangtung province and along the Canton-Hankow, Canton-Kowloon and Canton-Samshui railways. Sheklung, important city on the Canton-Kowloon line came in for three attacks during the forenoon during which time scores of bombs were released within the city limits. Missiles were also dumped along the Taiping-Po On highway as well as at Cheungmukou. Chinese anti-aircraft batteries at Sheklung were active. On the Canton-Samshui sector bombs were released at Slutong, Choumaying and Salnam. Thirty-two planes took part in the last raid shortly after noon concentrating their attacks along the three railways. Scores of bombs were dumped along the Canton-Hankow line between Kongchuen, Yuenan, Kienchen, Yingtak, Loktung and Fokong. Several planes came near the outskirts of Canton back of the White Cloud Mountains and Salchuen, the industrial centre, but were repulsed by anti-aircraft guns.—Central News.

AVIATION HISTORY IS MADE

AUTOGIRO FLIES INSIDE BERLIN BUILDING

Berlin, Feb. 14. It was claimed to-day that for the first time in history an aeroplane has been successfully flown inside a closed hall. The claim was made when an autogiro designed by Professor Focke rose to the roof of the Deutschland Halle, flew along inside the building, turned round, and then descended without mishap.—Reuter Special.

ARCTIC RESCUE DRAMA

FIRST PLANE ATTEMPT FOILED BY WIND

Moscow, Feb. 14. An attempt to rescue the Soviet scientists marooned on a drifting ice floe was temporarily abandoned to-day, when the ice on which rescue aeroplanes landed from the ice-breaker Taimyr began to shift under a strong south-westerly wind. The rescue planes had to be hastily dismantled and re-embarked aboard the Taimyr.—Reuter.

Warns Japan Not To Rush Exploitation

People Of North China Must Be Considered

Tokyo, Feb. 14. A warning against excessive haste in developing North China has been issued by Mr. J. Hiroo, president of the semi-official Japan Iron Manufacturing Corporation. Mr. Hiroo said that Japan's first must be to provide for the welfare of the regions and the Chinese population, and in exploiting North China's resources and developing its industries full attention must be paid to the interests and desires of the Chinese people. "It would be the worst thing imaginable to treat the question from the Japanese point of view alone," he declared. Mr. Hiroo, who once headed the Ministry of Education, returned to Tokyo yesterday evening from Peking, where General Terauchi offered him the post of supreme economic adviser to the Japanese garrison. He asserted that in drafting plans for the economic development of North China, Manchukuo and Korea, the three areas must be considered as components of a single bloc. "Some rash people think that economic activities should be launched in North China the minute military activities cease," he said. "They forget that economic development of any area costs money and well considered plans must be drawn up. The Government must be given time to deliberate its plans for the development of China, and the preparation of such a programme must be carried out with extreme caution. Japan must give full attention to the feelings of the Chinese. There is no need, however, for her to pay excessive heed to the moves of third Powers."—Reuter.

GOODWILL MISSION

Tokyo, Feb. 15. Lieut-General Nanno Matsui, brother of General Iwane Matsui, commander-in-chief in China, is leaving for Peking on February 18 at the head of a students' goodwill mission. The party will include sixty students from thirty universities throughout Japan. The mission's avowed object is to promote friendship with students of Chinese educational institutions.—Reuter.

Kowloon Train Delayed When Track Wrecked

Owing to bombing attacks on the railway line, last night's train from Canton which should have arrived about 11 p.m. did not reach here until 2.27 a.m. to-day. The line was bombed earlier at Wangtik and Pingtungwai, and there were cracks on the main line and loop line to be fixed.

JAPAN'S EMPEROR NOW RECOVERED

Tokyo, Feb. 15. The Emperor has fully recovered from the cold from which he has been suffering since February 1. It was officially announced to-day.—Reuter.

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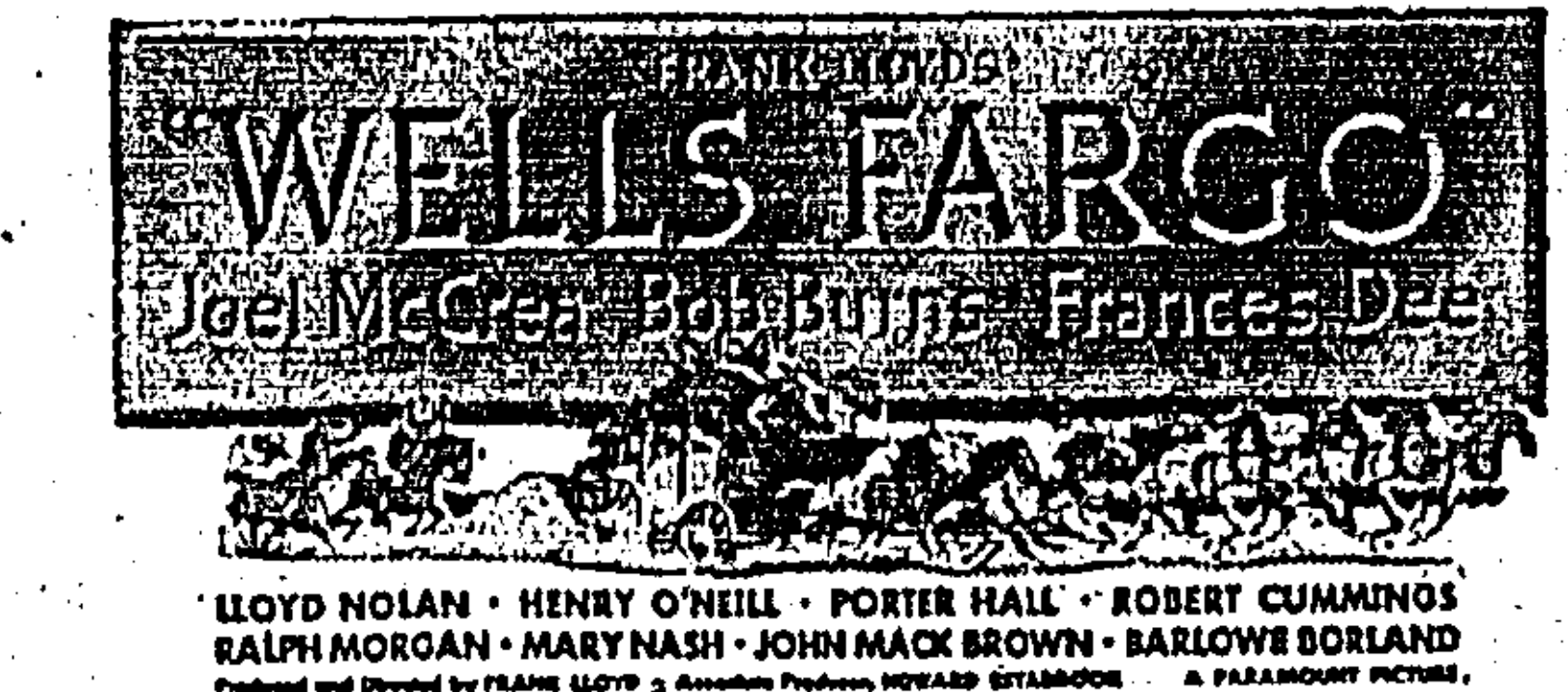
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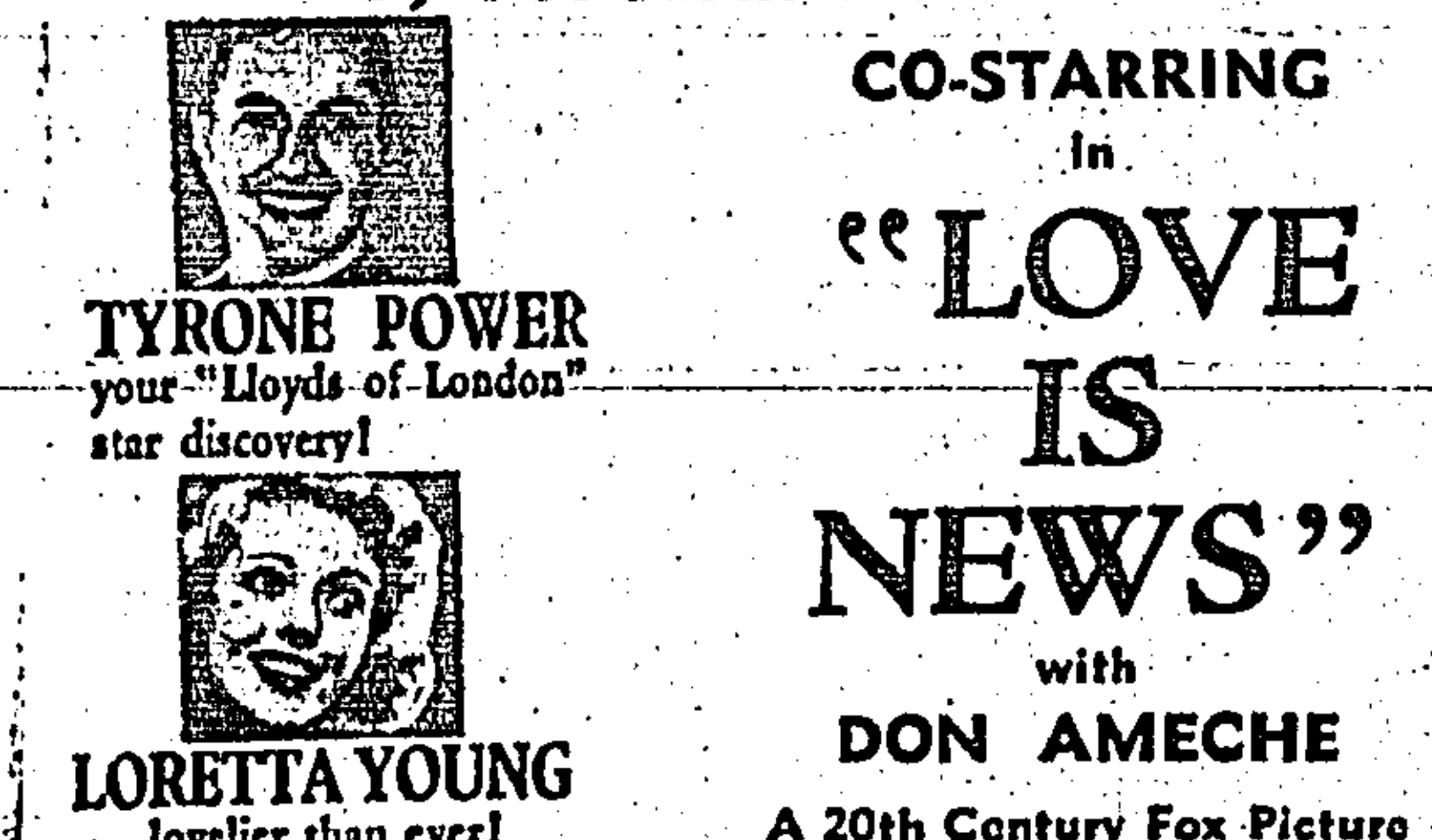
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Prime Minister To Make No Promises

Washington, Feb. 14. It is reliably reported that preliminary means will be taken to discourage what the Administration considers irresponsible statements and tactics concerning the nation's foreign policy within Congress. The decision follows a conference between President Roosevelt and Samuel D. McReynolds, Democratic Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. The Administration does not favour the King-Maverick resolutions asking for an international peace conference. It is believed that neither these resolutions, nor the testimony of Hamilton Fish Jr. (Republican-New York) before the House Naval Committee, will evoke any real support from either the members of the Representatives or from the Administration. Mr. Fish's testimony advocates the United States giving Japan equal naval parity. The Administration is particularly aroused by statements by Hamilton Fish, which are characterized as "shameless politics." Fish is accused of advocating a policy which his own Party would never endorse if it was in power. Speculation has been aroused by the appointment of Adolph Berle, one of the original members of President Roosevelt's "Brains Trust," and a

London, Feb. 14. Asked in the House of Commons to-day whether, as an example to other nations, he would give assurances that the Government would prohibit the use of bombing planes for police purposes in territories under British control, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, declined. He said he was not prepared to limit the use of the R.A.F. except as part of an international agreement. The Government, he added, would be prepared to give such assurances in conjunction with other countries of a suitable agreement were possible.—Reuter.

Los Angeles, Feb. 14. Mr. O. C. McIntyre, the famous columnist, died here to-day. He was stricken last Saturday with a heart complaint.—United Press.

long and close adviser to the President, as assistant Secretary of State. It is reported that Mr. Berle has been given a special assignment for a few months to assist President Roosevelt in drafting plans for international appeasement. State Department officials do not confirm this rumour.—Reuter.

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